

Possible Board Fight Brewing over Desal

By Stan Hall

A potentially nasty fight appears to be brewing on the water management district board of directors over whether to proceed with plans to build a desalination plant—and even whether to ask the public about it.

The spectre of directors Dick Heuer and Dale Hekhuis leading opposing campaigns in advance of an advisory vote, perhaps as early as December, emerged from the board's regular meeting Monday night and their statements after it.

During the meeting, directors voted unanimously to select Sand City as the preferred site for a proposed 3 million-gallon-a-day (MGD) desalination plant. Members also voted not to put an advisory desal question on the November ballot, but to consider at the August meeting

plans for a mail vote on the issue.

During the debate over the vote, Heuer, a former chairman of the board and its senior member, opposed going ahead with a public election and suggested that if one is held soon, he might organize a campaign against its approval.

Asked about the statement after the meeting, Heuer told the *Sun* that he probably misspoke when he said he would organize the opposition, but he made it clear that he would "oppose approving desal prior to construction of the dam."

Declaring that the district couldn't afford to do both, Heuer said a proposed new Los Padres dam and the desal project would wind up in direct competition.

"If desal goes ahead, the likelihood is that the dam

never will be built," he said. Previously pessimistic about the prospects of winning all the approvals necessary for the dam, Heuer added that the dam clearly is the preferred alternative for new water supplies. "It (chance of approval) is looking better than it has in a long time," he added.

Asked about Heuer's comments, Hekhuis, the present chairman and perhaps desal's strongest advocate, called his position "awfully disappointing....a disservice to the public."

"It would be gravely disappointing if one of the members of our board organized a campaign to fight against public approval," Hekhuis said.

He claimed that Heuer had changed his mind about de-

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ROSA LOESCH was delighted to get four framed copies of the original watercolors she gave Clint Eastwood six years ago when he bought Mission Ranch. He was so pleased he presented the copies personally to the 95-year-old artist Friday at her Park Lane home.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Eastwood Makes Her Day

By Isabelle Hall

Six years ago, Clint Eastwood received a gift of four original watercolors of Mission Ranch signed R. Loesch. He wrote the artist to thank her and said he would use them when he redecorated the resort he had just purchased.

Eastwood keeps everything. He has a 1930's refrigerator, an early telephone switchboard, an antique potbellied stove and old props from his movies scattered around the ranch which was a dairy farm in the 1860's.

He kept the beautiful, strong watercolors—all painted on the site of the historic property—and had them copied at his movie studio in Hollywood on heavy watercolor paper so they could be hung on the walls of the ranch which reopened last month.

In an article on the reopening, the *Sun* reported July 9 on the use of the watercolors by "R. Loesch." Told about it by friends, Rosa Loesch called the

newspaper to ask for a copy of the article.

On Friday, Eastwood saw Rosa Loesch for the first time at Park Lane in Monterey where she now lives at a meeting arranged by the *Sun* to bring her framed copies of the works she had given him when he was mayor. Like the actor, she keeps things important to her and still has the letter Mayor Eastwood wrote saying he would keep her paintings for the ranch.

"Oh, isn't this fun," laughed the 95-year-old artist who still paints a couple of mornings every week in her one-room apartment. Her work is on display at the Beeches Gallery in Carmel, and she has already done the painting she will contribute to the annual Christmas fundraising show of miniature art at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

"They look like the originals," she

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Board Eases Water Moratorium To Permit Bathroom Additions

Officially declaring the five-year drought over, directors of the water management district voted Monday night to ease their building moratorium enough to allow up to two bathrooms to be added to existing homes being remodeled.

They took the action over the strong objections of one of their colleagues, Fran Farina, and environmental and other groups expressing worry that the district was once again headed down a path that would lead to more water being allocated than is available.

"One season's rains are not enough," argued Lou Ungaretti, representing the Carmel Residents Association. "It sends the wrong message to weaken the original (moratorium) decision (which was) unpopular and difficult but achieved outstanding conservation."

Others, including homeowners wishing to add on, Realtors and contractors needing work argued that adding more bathroom fixtures without adding more people to a household would only result in more convenience, not more water use. Some drew chuckles when they said a person couldn't take more than one shower or use more than one toilet at a time.

Fred Nelson, a retired Ph.D. living in Carmel who serves as a volunteer counselor

at Seaside High School, urged the board to make the distinction between new hookups and remodels. "The CRA doesn't speak for all residents of Carmel," he added.

The board voted 6-1 to allow up to 10 "fixture units" to be added to a home during remodeling if the home had been retrofitted with water-saving toilets and other devices and city or county officials had approved the remodeling plans.

"Ten fixture units would allow one well-appointed bathroom (bidet, two lavatories, water closet, bathtub and separate shower)," the staff report on Ordinance No. 62 said. "Alternatively, it would allow two basic bathrooms (bathtub, water closet and lavatory)."

Some opponents of the ordinance suggested that the district was in favor of it because it would bring in additional income from remodeling fees.

"I don't give a damn about funding," declared director Ken Long. "I support it and will push for it. This is what's right." He added that to deny remodeling would result in "bootleg bathrooms."

The ordinance will become effective Aug. 1.

Michael Ricker, the district's water demand manager, seemed to oppose the pro-

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Public Doesn't Understand Gravity Of Financial Crisis—Mayor White

The combination of the state legislature's attack on city revenues and the economic downturn has created a Carmel budget crisis "that's a lot worse than people think," according to Mayor Ken White. "The general public doesn't seem to have a concept of how grave the situation is."

Interviewed as he made a mid-vacation stop at City Hall, White said, "Our city could have made it without the temporary reduction in sales tax and other cuts without the grab the legislature's making. I have deep concerns that the public doesn't understand. We're going to have to start doing without some things."

White had high praise for Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio's open handling of the budget process and involvement of the City Council, in marked contrast to previous years when he said the council actually deliberated on only a small portion of the \$8.4 million annual budget.

"The council wasn't involved because there wasn't a problem," said White, who

was elected mayor April 14 after four years on the council. "There was lots of money," he said of the days when former administrator Doug Schmitz was in charge.

"Greg's doing a great job. He's open. He listens to budgeting suggestions. I hope people realize how lucky we are to have people like Greg and Sandi."

White referred to Financial Services Director Sandi Davenport who is D'Ambrosio's principal assistant in the budgetary process. She said last week that the city could face as much as an \$800,000 reduction in revenues in the fiscal year which started July 1. Due to the uncertainty at the state level where Gov. Pete Wilson and the legislature remain locked in conflict, the Carmel budget is not scheduled to reach the council until its Sept. 8 regular meeting.

D'Ambrosio told the *Sun* Wednesday that no matter what the state does, "We've got to face our own problems. We're going

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LETTERS

Sometimes Bikes and Traffic Don't Mix

This is a letter that I address to all bicycle riders and joggers. I read in last week's *Sun* the account of a cyclist that lost control of his bike from a near miss by a motorist east of the Village and congratulate him on his survival.

It amazes me how who ever thought up bike lanes ever conceived the idea of mixing the wide range of: weights, speeds and visibilities that bicycles, cars, trucks and buses represent. safely. When I fly I always stay away from jet traffic as it presents two distinct hazards germane to car and bike traffic. One, heavy jets fly at an approach speed way over the top speed of my light plane. Two, the wake turbulence caused by these larger craft can destroy a light plane.

The other day I was riding a bus, and we passed a cyclist by no more than four feet clearance, and the bus was well over towards the center line. I watched the cyclist buffeted by the wash from the bus' wake and I marveled that he could maintain control.

The speed difference is the biggest hazard. A pedestrian walking, moves slowly enough to be avoided, but a biker wobbling along at 10 or 15 mph moves just fast enough to be an unpredictable hazard. Then there are those cyclists who like to ride side by side and those who wear Walkman radio earphones.

Oh, yes, and those who come up to a crosswalk and ride across right in front of you.

Bicycles could be made safer for highway travel with: larger mirrors, reflectors and lighting for after dark travel and restrictions from using heavily traveled roads like Carmel Valley G16.

But those who, on the strength of a motor vehicle code ruling, like to risk life and limb in an environment as hostile as this, for an amusement, should give further riding here serious thought.

Don Soule
Carmel Valley

Be a Little Kinder than Necessary

Mr. Joseph Chaffers, a founder and officer of the young, 11-member Carmel Citizens for Good Government, had some strong words to say about the six-year-old, 500-member Carmel Residents Association in a letter to the editor a few months ago.

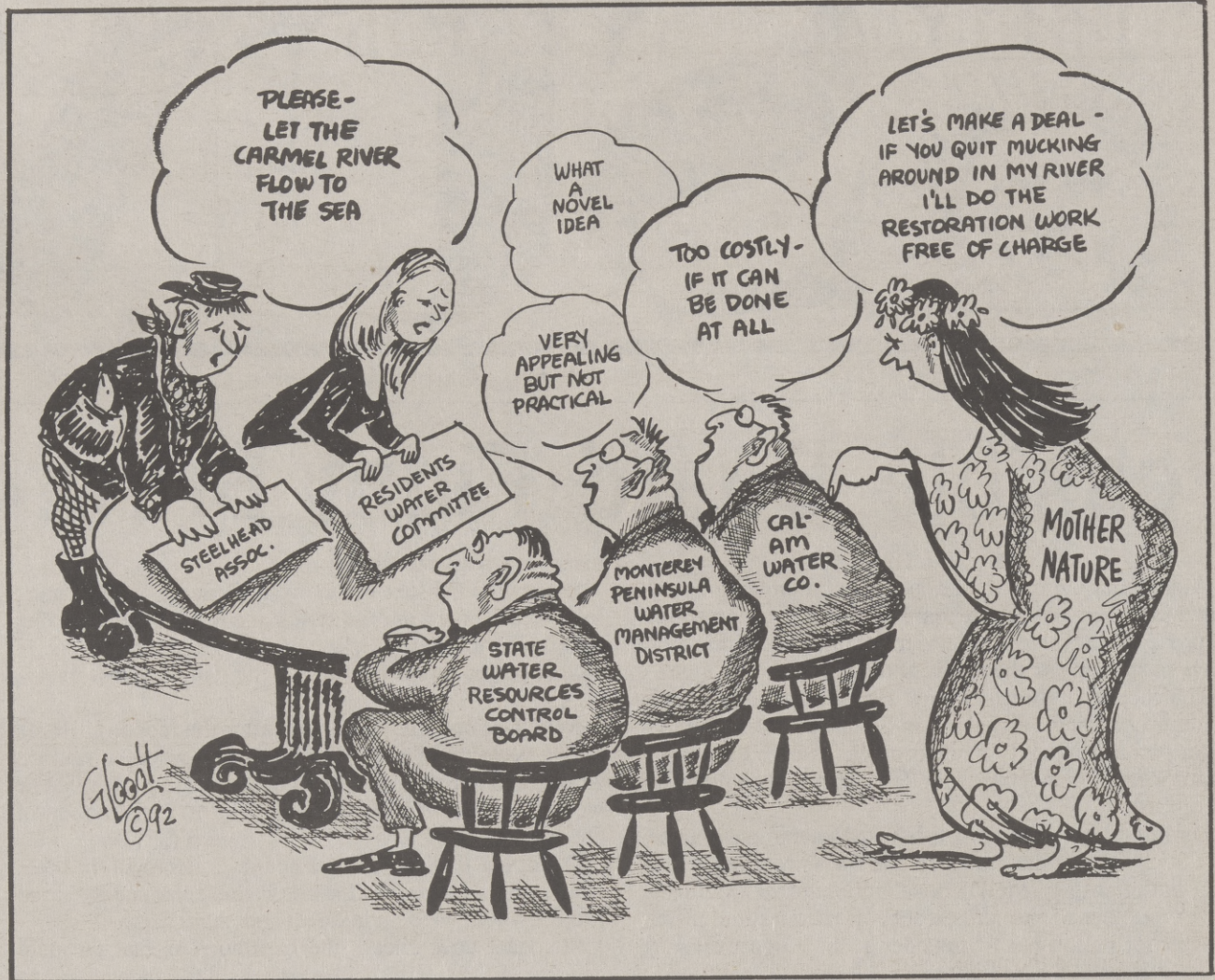
Some of Mr. Chaffers choice phrases: "arrogance...showed a lack of respect...wasted the community's time...tried to divide our town...parade of egos...distorted views and inaccurate facts...disgraceful...trashy...divisive and cruel...cause hurt, disappointment and anxiety." That's a total of about 14 insults.

More recently, in a July 16 letter to the editor, Mr. Chaffers had strong words not only for the Carmel Residents Association but for some city officials who are members. Some choice phrases this time: "Ridiculous scheme...chose not to tell the truth...bad judgments, unnecessary expenditures, mis-statements and power plays...delay tactics and ludicrous bureaucracy." That's only eight insults, a 43 percent improvement.

Perhaps Mr. Chaffers' restraint the second time was because, in the same issue, the CCGG's new president, Merv Sutton, was asking the CRA to "work closely together" with CCGG in trying to find solutions to city problems.

Well, as James M. Barrie wrote, and Mayor Ken White keeps urging on all citizens, "Shall we make a new rule of life...always try to be a little kinder than necessary?"

Howard Skidmore
Carmel



Heartened by Newcomer

In response to the very nice letter from a new resident of our beloved Valley, Mr. Robert Brown. How heartening to have a newcomer appreciate our lovely Valley and the many kind and caring people who live here. The Valley has been our home for and it is indeed a very special place.

However, I might add the old adage "what makes the lamb love Mary?" You Mr. Brown, have obviously lived by the Golden Rule and treated others as you would like to be treated yourself and you have reaped what you have sown. It doesn't always work that way, but I'm happy that in your case it has.

Welcome to our Valley, I am sure you will be a great addition.

Gwendolyn R. May-Sedlachek
Carmel Valley

Misses Anita DeCarlo's Reviews

Once again, let me express deep appreciation for the *Weekly Sun*. No other paper gives the news of this part world as well as you do. Thank you.

I miss the columns by Anita DeCarlo. Could you perhaps run some of the columns which have already appeared in the past? The one on Sargeant was wonderful, and there were generic columns which might be repeated.

Nina A. McGiveran
Carmel

Many readers miss Anita, and we keep hoping she can return. If she can't, we'll consider your suggestion.—The Ed.

Headline on Airstrip Story Wrong

I have just read your article on the Rana Creek Ranch hearing (July 16). I wanted to write and let you know that the headline of the article is somewhat misleading.

The County of Monterey has not joined Mr. Marble in his attempt to enjoin the use of the airstrip. In fact, the county, through the declaration of Robert Slimmon (director of planning), stated that they were not seeking to enjoin the use of the existing airstrip because of the fact that an environmental impact report was being prepared and that the use of the existing airstrip was being resolved through the pending permit process on the new airstrip.

Anthony L. Lombardo, attorney
Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss

Lombardo is the lawyer for Michael Markkula, owner of Rana Creek Ranch. The *Sun* did misunderstand the county's position.—The Ed.

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Right Behind the Running Iron

Planned Prototype Auto Shop Stirs Village Fears

A group of concerned neighbors gathered on the hilltop lot behind the Running Iron in Carmel Valley Wednesday when two members of the County Planning Commission conducted a field trip to see the site of a proposed automobile prototype shop.

Commissioners Marit Evans and Mo Orret, accompanied by Lynne Mounday and Dan Chance of the Planning Department, were on hand to look at the plans proposed by Herb Adams for a combined shop and residence.

Attorney Thomas Jamison and architect Charles Strathmeyer represented Adams, who now operates his business in the Jacks's Peak area. Adams was out of town, but his wife attended for part of the session.

The group reviewed plans drawn by Strathmeyer which would consist of a 3,672 square-foot shop on the lower level and the same space above, divided between living quarters and a large "hobby area."

While neighbors complained that Adams' proposed business would amount to manufacturing automobiles, Jamison tended to describe it as a repair shop. He acknowledged that Adams does produce prototype parts and in some cases complete vehicles. He said one of Adams' projects was an electric-powered car.

Near the end of the session, Jamison said he would like to arrange for neighbors to visit Adams' present operation to see exactly what he does.

For their part, the neighbors expressed concern about noise and air pollution, the size of the proposed building and its visual impact since it would be seen above the Running Iron from Carmel Valley Road as well as from Via Contenta.

Should the shop be allowed, they also expressed concern for what might happen to the value of the surrounding properties—four residences and two motels.

Chance said the proposed structure would cover 44 percent of the lot, which is about a third of an acre, while the design guidelines for the Village limit the coverage ratio to 35 percent.

Adams' application for a permit to build on the lot is scheduled before the Planning Commission July 29. But Jamison said he would seek a continuance until some time in September so that residents' concerns can be addressed.

Strathmeyer said about five feet of the top of the hill would be excavated to make the structure sit lower. He said he also planned to create a berm along the south side of it to screen the view from Carmel Valley Road.

Asked if Adams had any employees, his wife said her son worked with her husband. Jamison said he contracted out the production of many of the parts he used, but he said Adams did do fibreglass sanding and finishing in his shop, including painting.

Ray Bergerac, who said he soon would be 70 and planned to retire to one of the condominiums immediately behind the site, said: "It would be terrible—automobile manufacturing in a quiet neighborhood like this."



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Carmel Must Reduce Traffic For Gas Tax Compliance

By Isabelle Hall

Efforts to comply with state and federal air quality requirements will force Carmel to adopt a Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO) by the end of the year that could help solve the city's parking problems.

Carmel must reduce emissions of reactive organic gasses by 14.22 pounds per day which is roughly equivalent to the formation of 175 three-person employee car pools or a reduction of 355 eight-mile vehicle trips per day.

It is required to submit an ordinance to the Transportation Agency of Monterey County early in October or risk losing gas tax funds. If the ordinance is not adopted by December, the city risks losing local control of the issue in the 1991-92 city budget. It is not known how much money is involved.

An initial meeting was held Monday between Planning Commission Chairman Carla Ramsey, Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar, Alan Williams, chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee, and Associate Planner Brian Roseth, the staff member assigned to both the Congestion Management Program and the parking committee.

In a report on the project, Roseth said the parking committee report identified a need for 300 to 500 parking spaces and if a

coordinated approach was used both that goal and the TRO could be approached with the same program.

Parking management and trip reduction programs also are proposed to be incorporated into any rezoning proposals currently in the final stages by the Planning Commission which will hold another zoning meeting at 4 p.m. Aug. 5.

Williams, who has urged the city to adopt the comprehensive parking report ever since it was issued, said three key recommendations of the report would achieve the current goal:

1. A resident parking plan whereby residents could choose to have parking by permit only on a block-by-block basis requiring employers or employees to pay perhaps \$1 a day to park in designated areas in the R-1 district.

2. As an incentive to pay for such parking, free bus passes would be available for employees.

3. The city would weigh the parking impact of every business and assess them accordingly or use impact charts as provided by the state.

Roseth also suggested that Carmel might consider an extension of Monterey's new pilot bus program, called "The Wave," to encourage residents and tourists to use the bus between popular destinations.

"As another possibility," he said, "A local shuttle could be started to provide Carmel residents with convenient access to and from the downtown for shopping, mail pickup and other mid-day activities. Such a shuttle also could provide local commute transit in the morning and afternoon for some of the 900 employees who live within the city."

Williams said he had been asked to discuss the parking report, which was issued in 1991 after three years of study, at a Town Hall meeting scheduled by Mayor Ken White at Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall at 7 p.m. Aug. 17.

The commissioners and Roseth agreed that a proposed ordinance should be drafted and go through the Planning Commission process in mid-August to reach the City Council by its Sept. 8 meeting so the state deadline could be met.

"We've had a free ticket here for a long time," Williams said. Under the pressure of complying with air quality regulations he said, Carmel business people "either have got to ride the bus, car pool or pay to park in the R-1 district."

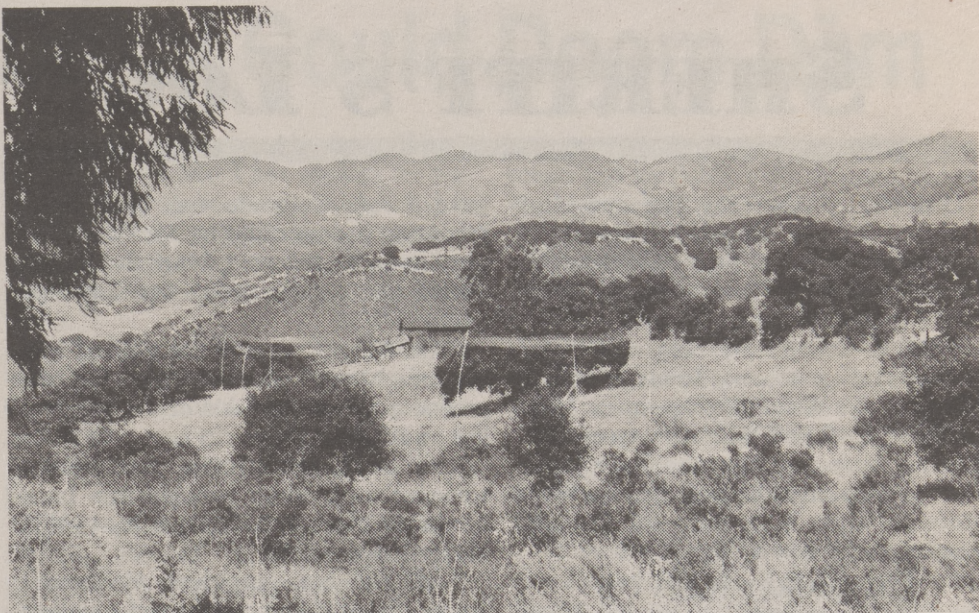
Williams said the parking report also forecast that by charging for parking a revenue base would be built that eventually could provide an orderly transition to the construction of more parking facilities in the city.

In 1990, the state passed laws requiring that each county adopt a Congestion Management Program to coordinate improvements in traffic movement, air quality, transportation funding and to promote alternative transportation choices.

The same year voters adopted Proposition 111 increasing gasoline taxes to provide funding for alternative modes of transportation, improved infrastructure and other programs, Roseth said. Communities must comply with the Congestion Management Program in order to get access to the gas tax revenue, and the first program is trip reduction.

Also facing Carmel are provisions of the California Clean Air Act and the Federal Clean Air Act under which the Monterey Bay Air Quality District (MBUAPCD) is working on a model ordinance aimed at achieving a substantial reduction in vehicle emissions throughout the region. Each city and county then will have to adopt the model or an acceptable substitute to comply with the emission reduction goal, Roseth said.

He originally proposed broad public involvement with a long series of meetings for public input and review. But Williams said, "You've got two years of work from the Planning Commission and you've got the Parking Committee Report done."



ORANGE NETTING atop tall stakes near the top of Los Laureles Grade grabbed the attention of many residents eager to know what development is being proposed. County planners said a partnership was proposing 70 lots on the 265-acre property, but approval for it was not near. Sun photo by Stan Hall

Staking Prompts Many Calls Subdivision Proposed on Grade

"Nothing brings 'em out like the staking," said Planning Director Bob Slimmon, commenting on the calls his office has received since the stakes went up marking a proposed subdivision at the top of Los Laureles Grade.

The Sun also received a number of inquiries about what was going on after the stakes and orange netting went up on the parcel, which is regulated by the Toro Area Land Use Plan.

Working with Bestor Engineers, a development group proposed to create 70 lots in total on the 265-acre property known as MacDonald Ranch, according to Planner Dan Chance. Fifty two of the lots would be market rate and 18 would be designated for low or moderate income housing.

In a statement on behalf of the Carmel Heights Partnership, John Bakalian, a Santa Cruz man who is the project manager, said the proposal would qualify for "special handling" under provisions adopted by the Board of Supervisors to expedite projects providing 25 percent or more low and moderate income housing.

But citing concern over water availability, visual impact and proposed development on slopes steeper than 30 degrees, Chance said he was not optimistic that the project was going anywhere very fast.

He said at present the county had declined to accept the application for a subdivision permit until planners had a chance to conduct a visual impact analysis on the site, probably some time next week. He noted that visual sensitivity was especially important since the project will be seen from Los Laureles Grade, which is designated a scenic road.

In addition to being visible from the Grade, he said part of it also would be visible from Corral de Tierra. Chance said that

the Toro plan dealt with visual impacts in much the same way as the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

Chance also said the developers were proposing to bring water in from Toro Water Service through Corral de Tierra, but noted that the property likely is a candidate for rezoning to the B-8 designation, denoting regions where water availability is in question.

The property is now zoned rural density residential requiring five or more acres per lot, Chance said. In his statement, Bakalian said the 70 lots would be created on acre-plus plots, with 140 acres being set aside in permanent scenic easement.

Bakalian explained that a density bonus would be allowed for the 52 market rate lots "because of the lower income units that will be made available for those who truly need housing in Monterey County."

The subsidized lots would consist of 11 for low income buyers and 7 for moderate income buyers, and be located at the end of the Calera Canyon area.

Bakalian said that 39 of the proposed lots were being flagged at a cost of more than \$30,000. "No structure will be higher than 20 feet... The visual impacts will be minimized by reviewing the flaggings and making changes in the positions and elevations of the potential building envelopes."

As for water availability, the statement said Bestor Engineers was proposing to allow the project to continue through the planning process while its consultants study the infiltration capacity for groundwater recharge of El Toro Creek downstream from Watson Creek.

Bakalian said if the County Water Resources Agency goes along with Bestor's proposal, it would benefit from the information that is gleaned, and the developers will pay for the study.

Carmel Hunkers Down to Save \$\$

At the suggestion of employees, the Carmel city government is hunkering down to save utility costs during the current budget crunch.

Unoccupied offices at City Hall are now kept dark with lights turned off to save money. From the street, passers-by would think no one was home this week as Mayor Ken White's front office is among those in darkness while he is on vacation.

Jean Cooney, assistant to Financial Services Coordinator Sandi Davenport, said the city spends an average of about \$10,000 a month on electricity and gas. This pays for all city buildings, parks, the fire and police departments, and even street lights and water main pumps.

City Forester Gary Kelly and Public Works Director Jim Cullem also have begun a conservation effort which they estimate can save 25 percent of the \$21,000 the city's corporation yard spends annually.

They urged employees to turn out all lights and electrical equipment when not in use, replace electric heaters with non-electric alternatives, and other energy-saving measures.

The two departments also urged a voluntary staff effort to save fuel by eliminating unnecessary or duplicate vehicle trips. The two departments consume \$17,000 per year in fuel and are hoping to save about 10 percent.

The cost saving ideas have come from the employee group created by Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio to work with the department directors/management committee on the current city budget for fiscal year 1992-93.

"The meetings have been dynamic and thought-provoking and have generated excellent ideas," D'Ambrosio said.

Fire Chief Bill Hill said his department had made up signs on "ugly yellow paper" that had become popular throughout the city. They say:

"Attention! Please Turn Out the lights when not in use. Save Money to Save Jobs."

About two-thirds of the city's \$8 million budget is spent on employee salaries and benefits.

"People are learning to walk and ride bikes between city buildings," Hill said. "There are no sacred cows. We are looking at how many trips we make a day to Monterey, for example, and what can be combined."

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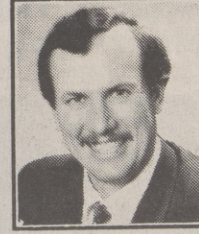
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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. The owner of Summer Breeze Ranch in Cachagua reported his wife lost their business check book somewhere in Carmel Rancho Center. 7/13.

SOUTH COAST. A ranger at Point Lobos said a tourist found a purse belonging to a Walnut Creek woman. 7/13.

CARMEL RANCHO. A woman who lives at Hacienda Carmel said her purse was removed from the Hollyberry, a store where she works in the Barnyard. She said it had about \$200 in it. 7/13.

Hitchhiker Held Up

SOUTH COAST. A Florida man telephoned to report he had been robbed at gunpoint while hitchhiking near the Crossroads after being picked up by a man with long red hair driving a VW Bug. 7/13.

VILLAGE. The operator of Hidden Valley reported a tape and CD player and a CD player, together valued at \$650, were stolen from the dance studio. 7/13.

VILLAGE. The director of the Community Center swimming pool reported the theft of \$60 that had been left in the office overnight. She suggested that the thief may have gained entry by using a set of keys she had lost a few days earlier. 7/13.

Rabbit Let Loose

VILLAGE. A woman reported someone let her rabbit out of its cage in the backyard of her home on Barbara Way. 7/13.

VALLEY. A woman at Jensen's Camp complained that an 8-year-old boy had been a nuisance at the trailer park for a year; deputies said they would ask representatives of Child Protective Services to contact his mother. 7/14.

CARMEL. Carmel police officers reported holding a 15-year old and a 16-year-old at 15th and Dolores for shooting at signs and vehicles. They may have also shot paint balls. Both were cited. 7/15.

BIG SUR. The owner of Fernwood Store said a customer fell down on her property and threatened to sue unless she forgave his \$250 bar bill. 7/15.

VILLAGE. Two Southern California men were found in the Running Iron parking lot so intoxicated deputies said they could not stand up. They were booked into jail. 7/15.

VILLAGE. A man was arrested for spouse abuse after one of his neighbors on Esquiline complained that it sounded like someone was being hit. 7/15.

Plants Pulled Up

VALLEY. The Carmel Racquet Club reported the theft of plants overnight—someone had pulled them out of the ground. 7/16.

HIGHLANDS. A man who lives on Carmel Riviera said someone tried to gain a duplicate of his credit card from the card company. 7/16.

SOUTH COAST. A man came into the Monterey substation complaining that he

gave a Palo Colorado man \$350 for a recording contract and he had not made good on it. He also complained that he had loaned him a guitar which had not been returned. 7/16.

CARMEL. A woman complained that her neighbor's gardener trimmed the ground cover on her side of the property line on Hillcrest Circle. 7/17.

BIG SUR. A resident complained someone took white wrought-iron lawn furniture valued at \$250 from his yard in Lafler Canyon. 7/17.

VALLEY. An employee of Carmel Valley Ranch Resort complained a woman had failed to make good on an outstanding debt. 7/17.

Backhoe Burns

VALLEY. A woman reported a fire on Rancho San Carlos Road. Investigators found it was a backhoe belonging to Don Chapin Co. and said it probably was arson. They said witnesses reported seeing a man on a bike about the time the fire started. 7/17.

SOUTH COAST. Road crews reported a vehicle over Highway 1 about two miles south of Hurricane Point; it turned out to be unoccupied. 7/18.

HIGHLANDS. A resident on Spindrift reported seeing someone on his property with a flashlight. 7/18.

LAURELES GRADE. A woman telephoned saying that a burglary possibly was underway at her home; investigators said that a cat apparently knocked over a glass object in the house. 7/19.

CARMEL. A nurse at Carmel Convalescent Hospital reported hearing about nine gunshots in the direction of Highway 1 a little after 10 p.m. 7/19.

Highway 1 Single-Car Fatality Ruled Suicide

The death of a man killed in a single-car crash on Highway 1 near Palo Colorado Canyon July 14 has been ruled a suicide by the county coroner.

Sven Edelweiss, 51, of San Bernardino was killed when his rented car went off the highway at high speed and directly into a large tree. In ruling he was a suicide, the coroner said that his wife had recently died.

History Society Sale Set for Saturday

Another in a series of fund-raising yard sales will be held Saturday by the Carmel Valley History Society at the former Bank of America building in the Center of the Village on Carmel Valley Road.

Stew Clough of the society said the sale would be held one day only, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m.



GUESTS CROWD THE PATIO at Holman Ranch during a party owners Dorothy McEwen and Jim Fitch threw to welcome Tom and Debby Harris to the ranch. The Harrises are trainers and provide a wide variety of western entertainment and instruction. Sun photo by Steve Davis

CV History Society Gets \$1,000 from County TOT For Its Building Fund

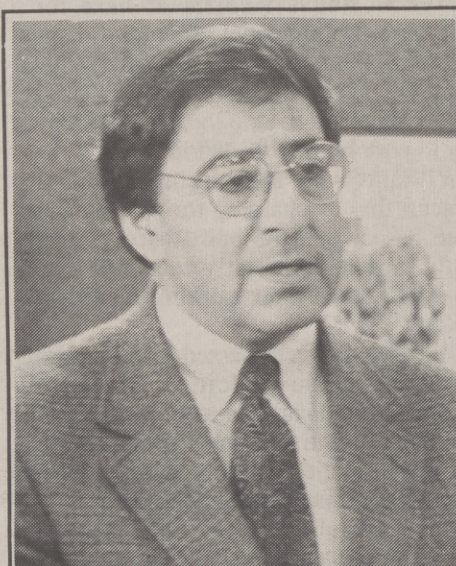
The Carmel Valley History Society has received \$1,000 for its building fund from Monterey County.

The check was paid from funds collected from the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) and was a followup to formal action Dec. 10 by the Board of Supervisors granting the so-called Development Set-Aside money to the society.

A letter from Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman accompanied the check. It said the museum being proposed by the society would be an asset not only to Carmel Valley but to the entire county.

"The valuable historical collections proposed to be displayed at the museum will provide both the citizens and tourists with an invaluable history of the Valley's character and resources," Strasser Kauffman wrote.

"Please convey our thanks to the many volunteers who support the History Society's efforts in preserving the county's historical heritage."



REP. LEON PANETTA

Panetta to Speak In Carmel Saturday

Rep. Leon Panetta, powerful Democratic chairman of the House Budget Committee, will speak to constituents Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Scout House in Carmel to mark U. S. Representative Day.

The session—the fourth annual appearance for Panetta—is sponsored by the Carmel Residents Association, Northeast Neighborhood Association and the Carmel Business Association. Architect John Thodos, a member of both CRA and CBA, will chair the meeting.

Panetta, who lives in Carmel Valley, will answer questions, and the session is set to run until 5 p.m. The Scout House is at Mission and 8th.

Valley Hills River Restoration OK'd By Water Board

Expenditure of up to \$129,175 was approved by the water management district board Monday night to realign and rebuild the Carmel River channel just east of Quail Lodge.

The vote was unanimous for the Valley Hills restoration project—taking a big curve out of the river extending for about 1,500 feet east of the famous golf course and lodge, installing new vegetation to support the bank and providing irrigation while it takes hold.

The work will be done as part of the Carmel River Management Program, with funding coming from user fees, the Carmel River Management Plan benefit assessment and the district's fund to mitigate environmental damage on the river. Carmel Valley Construction will do the work under contract with the district.

Before the vote, director Dick Heuer noted that restoration work scheduled to be done this year at the DeDampierre section of Garland Park should take funding priority over the Valley Hills work. He argued that being further upstream, it would have a greater effect on the protection of the river.

He told the staff that if total funds for river restoration ran short for both projects, the upstream project should take precedence. The proposal for the DeDampierre section will be presented to the board in August.

Heuer further suggested that if funds were short, the staff might ask Ed Haber, operator of Quail Lodge, to contribute more toward the project. He said the point could be made that if the work isn't done, Quail Lodge would stand to suffer the most potential damage from erosion. The board had been told that Quail Lodge already has committed \$2,000 and the use of a backhoe for the work.

Director Ken Long injected that "before we go lean on Haber again, the staff should look at how to reduce the size of the projects."

The staff told the board that not all owner access agreements have been lined up for the work yet, "but we don't foresee any problems."

The work will take about 45 days once the contract is let, probably sometime in August.

Larry Foy, general manager of Cal-Am Water Co., noted that some of the work the board was proposing to finance was on private property. Making the point that Cal-Am was privately owned, too, he told members that "I'm going to be standing in line at some time for credit" for the restoration work Cal-Am has done.

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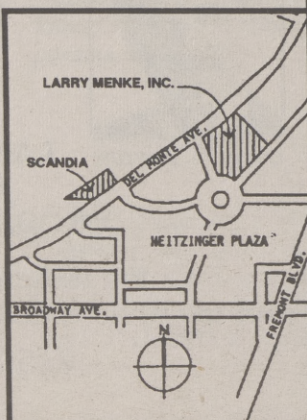
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Heuer Argues Approving Desal Could Doom Dam

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sal several times over the past 18 months, "playing things based on how the winds are blowing."

He said he felt Heuer's opposition was the result of his "fear that desal might be approved. Personally, I'm willing to let the public decide—if they don't want to do it, that's fine."

Heuer said, "I don't want to kill desal. It still may be necessary if we don't get a dam." Asked what he would propose to do about desal then, he said, "just let it set," complete an environmental impact report on it and wait to see how much progress is made on getting a dam approved by all the state and federal agencies which must sign off on it.

During the debate over the issue, director Fran Farina argued strongly that the question should be put to the voters on the November ballot. Noting that some areas within the district get up to 75 percent voter turnouts in Presidential years, she said such a vote would be a better test of sentiment than a mailed ballot.

But director Ken Long, the vice chairman and usually an ally of Hekhuis, moved to strike the option of being on the November ballot. The board went along 6-1 with Farina voting no.

As did several other speakers, Farina also argued that the wording of the advisory question should be written to test voter sentiment on the general question of public approval of the concept of desal. The pro-

posed language suggested by the staff for a November vote asked just whether the water management district should proceed to spend \$1.5 million on the final design of a plant "while it continues to develop the new Los Padres dam as a long-term water source."

Pat Bernardi, a former chairman of the board and a member of the Residents Water Committee, argued that any ballot question should give voters the best possible idea of what the total cost of a desal plant would be.

"We need a question that will be more clearcut," she said, "so we have the answer if the public will support desal with or without a dam."

In reciting proposed language, she suggested that it should include the phrase that the desal project would not exceed \$30 million in cost.

General Manager Jim Cofer estimated that a mailed vote could be conducted by the district itself for from about \$35,000 to \$43,000, using first class postage each way. To have the county elections department conduct the vote, he said, would cost about \$100,000.

Cofer promised Hekhuis that he would bring back a more complete proposal for a mail vote on desal at the August meeting.

One of the options advanced by the staff would ask voters if they were interested in pursuing the private financing, construction and design of a desal plant. For his part, Hekhuis told the *Sun* he thought that option could have a great deal of appeal, noting that Santa Barbara had taken that route. "It could be more efficient," he said.

Larry Foy, general manager of Cal-Am Water Co., said during the meeting that "finance water projects is what Cal-Am does." Strongly suggesting that his company would be interested in doing a desal

project privately, he said he believed the county and the Public Utilities Commission would look favorably on Cal-Am's participation in such a project.

Hekhuis, agreeing that the ballot question should go beyond just the expenditure of \$1.5 million for a final design, said that if a private firm were selected to finance and build the project, the final design would be incorporated into its total cost.

While not rejecting Cal-Am's possible participation, he said any such project would have to be open to competitive bidding.

Before the discussion about the advisory vote and the selection of the Sand City site, Martin Feeney of the consulting firm of Staal, Gardner and Dunne told the board that he had completed his field examination of the Sand City site. He said he had found that a proposed way of injecting brine from a desal plant back into the ocean through the sands of the beach wouldn't work as designed, but a modified design might be possible.

Margo Nottenkamper, the district's project manager for desal, said that if that modified design would not work, it would cost an additional \$5-\$6 million to build a pipeline to a Marina site to discharge the brine through an existing outfall pipe at a wastewater treatment plant.

Feeney also reported that his investigation showed that it would take three so-called Ranney collectors on the beach rather than the two originally projected to pick up enough water to run the plant. The need for a third collector—a large well with spokes radiating out from it in the sand—would probably add about \$500,000 to the plant's total cost, he said.

The plant would have to process 7.5 MGD OF sea water to yield 3 MGD of drinking water.

Directors Ease Building Moratorium

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posals which was developed by a subcommittee of the board, directors Long and Dick Heuer and former director Robert Franco, one-time mayor of Del Rey Oaks.

Ricker said 238 remodeling permits already had been approved this year under provisions allowing them when credits for retrofitting were applied. In comparison, he said 292 remodeling permits were approved in all of 1988. He predicted passage of the ordinance could eventually lead to use of some 50 acre-feet more of water each year.

Although he supported it, Heuer agreed that in the long-term, as remodeled homes changed ownership, passage of the ordinance could lead to increased water usage. Saying he didn't want to see "little houses turn into big houses," he opposed specific language in the ordinance that said it would apply to remodels adding no more than two bathrooms or 25 percent of existing square footage.

"That is not a minor remodel," he argued, but his motion died for lack of a second.

Saying "the situation has changed somewhat" since the moratorium was imposed in January of 1991, Chairman Dale Hekhuis said, "We don't want to squeeze people to death."

Noting that the cities and Monterey

County still would have to approve remodeling plans and deduct any increased water use from their allotments, he added that the local jurisdictions should be making such decisions, not the water management directors.

Although the drought ended this year, the moratorium is not tied directly to it, but rather to a finding by the board that it already had allocated more water than could be used without damaging the Carmel River environmentally. Based on that finding, directors agreed that the moratorium would stay in place until new sources of water were developed for the district.

Arguing against easing the moratorium, Farina said, "There is no way of knowing when new water is coming," a reference to a dispute with the City of Seaside which has delayed a new Paralta well which had been expected to be available a year ago.

Jim Cofer, the district's general manager, said discussions with Seaside officials about the well had been discouraging. He said they city was proposing that an environmental impact report that the Planning Commission ordered include hydrological studies to determine the safe yield from the entire Seaside basin.

Potentially, he said that would be very expensive and could delay the Paralta well from coming on stream for another year.

Cal-Am, which has sunk about \$1 million in the development of the well, has appealed the commission's decision to require an EIR to the Seaside City Council, but no one at the meeting expressed any optimism about the dispute being settled quickly.

Saying that the City of Carmel, the Sierra Club and the Carmel Valley Property Owners (CVPOA) were among opponents of the ordinance, Farina said it would allow a two bathroom house to become a five bathroom house.

"How can this not be intensification," she asked? She said it could lead to tremendous expansion in water usage, and there was no way to measure it. She reminded directors of their rhetoric against allocating "paper water" and the need to "live within our means" when they approved the moratorium.

But her arguments fell on deaf ears. Sam Karas, a member of the Board of Supervisors who also serves on the board, cited the economic hardship the moratorium may have caused. "There's 16 percent unemployment right now in Seaside, which I represent," he said. "Young men are losing their jobs...living in their cars."

D'Ambrosio to Visit Capitol For State Budget Meeting

Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio planned to attend a "state of the state budget" meeting in Sacramento Friday sponsored by the League of California Cities.

Last week D'Ambrosio and Financial Services Coordinator Sandi Davenport attended a Small Cities budget seminar in San Juan Bautista. D'Ambrosio said listening to the woes of other cities made him feel good about how his staff was handling the problem for the city of Carmel.

Mayor Lance McClair Of Seaside Listed As Water Scofflaw

Mayor Lance McClair of Seaside, whose city is locked in a dispute with the water management district over use of a new well, showed up on a list of property owners who have not paid fines for using too much water during rationing.

The list was made public as the board of directors of the water management district voted by consent Monday to have the fines added to the offenders' property tax bills. They already have been filed as liens against the property.

McClair was listed as having been fined \$325 and having failed to pay it for using more than the prescribed amount of water at his home in Seaside. He said he would pay the fine, but must have had a leak to use so much water.

The water district's staff said the 78 fines contained on the list amounted to \$18,100. Director Dick Heuer said the year previously the district collected around \$20,000 from rationing fines.

The largest fines listed included: Bernard Poncelet of Monterey, \$1,950; Elizabeth Gilliam of Seaside, \$1,200; Alberta J. Mathewson of Carmel, \$1,100; Medallion Apartment of Monterey, \$1,000; Joseph Pennisi of Monterey, \$850; Chris Handeada of Seaside, \$825; Katy Curry's Coffee Shop in Carmel, \$800; and D. J. King of Monterey, \$800.

The majority of the fines on the list were for \$50, including one levied against William Agee of Osterville, Mass., former CEO of Bendix Corp. in Michigan.

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Mayor Concerned About Budget

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with the worst case scenario to put a package together for the Council."

White came to town for the weekend in between spending two weeks at his vacation home at Donner Pass and two weeks taking a CPR course in San Luis Obispo. He was reluctant to be specific about what course he would take as the council faces passing a budget with sharply reduced revenues until he sees the staff proposal.

"Either you have to freeze pay or cut personnel," he said. "You have to defer maintenance." Asked about new taxes, he said, "You can't rule it out, but it's the most unfair way of doing it."

Asked if he thought Carmel voters would approve a new tax which requires a two-thirds vote, White said, "It would have to be a tax that doesn't hit them in the pocket-book...some kind of user tax. I don't like the idea of raising taxes. It's so unfair for the legislature to dump the responsibility on the cities and counties."

The city also is looking into the possibility of tapping funds set aside for the development of Rio Park, White said. Debt service for the proposed Rio Park and the completed Vista Lobos Park last year more than doubled to \$685,644. "A substantial amount of money is in the account. A participation certificate was set aside for development of the park."

White does not believe that government is the answer to every problem. Asked if he thought the city should do anything to encourage business, he said, "It's not going to be an easy answer. I'm not sure that government should begin to take steps to create business. I think government should cooperate."

"We've got an enigma here," the mayor said. "People who come to Carmel say it's an unusual place, don't change it. I continually hear business people saying we need change."

"There is one persuasion of people in

town who say, 'so what? It'll get a lot quieter if it isn't busy. We can find a parking space. There will be less traffic, less noise.'

"Then there's another group that realizes that without business, we'll be doing without a lot of things."

White said he thinks the results of the planning commission study on zoning over the past two years "will be a step in the right direction." He said, "I hope when it comes to the council, we can make some minor changes and get on with it."

"I'm having a little problem because it's taking so long," he said. On the other hand, White praised the commission for "doing a very thorough job. What we're faced with is people who want it done immediately. The Planning Commission is doing an incredibly thorough job."

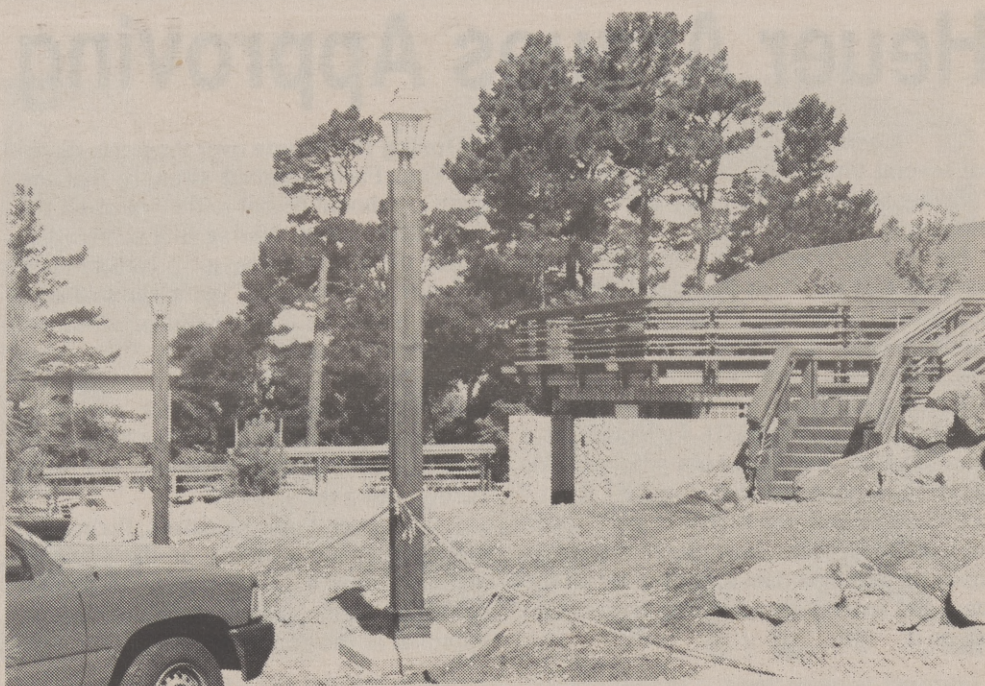
One area that needs encouragement, White said, is Sunset Center, one of the city's revenue sources that showed an increase in the 1991-92 fiscal year just ended when overall revenues were \$465,837 less than anticipated.

User fees for the city's cultural center totaled \$180,563, up \$39,512 from the previous year. A special committee has been established to consider a multi-million dollar remodeling of the aging center, the city's former elementary school.

"I realize as a city we can't afford to venture into retrofit and remodeling but we can do a lot of the groundwork," White said. "It's an issue that we should not drop. Sunset Center can become a financial contribution to the city. It has a value that should never be overlooked as a source for cultural entertainment and income potential."

The city not only collects rent for use of the center but also gets 10 percent of the ticket sales, White said. "It needs to be run in a businesslike manner. There is additional income available."

After being in office just over two months, White said he had received "few



NEW STREET LIGHTS were erected around the perimeter of Carmel's Murphy Park. Mayor Ken White said a few people had commented that they thought the lighting was too bright in the city which has no street lights and frowns on excessive residential lighting.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

complaints" from the general public though a few people have fussed about the city's development of Murphy Park at Lincoln and Sixth Avenue. They are upset about the size of the washrooms and the glare of new street lights in a city which officially prefers its streets to be kept dark to preserve the village-in-the-forest atmosphere.

"I'd like to look at the lighting," White said. "I'm not sure that corner needs to be lit up that well." As for the restroom, he said it was almost a duplicate of the one at Devendorf Park "just in a different site."

On the subject of Pescadero Canyon, White said he didn't know what more the City Council could do to explain its position given the lack of money at this point. Last month members voted 5-0 against any proposal to buy a lot in the wild area to preserve it from development.

"People are not listening to the budget problems if they think the city can purchase property," he said. "We would like to solve the problem. We would work very hard to help any group. If the Big Sur Land Trust is interested, the city will work hard to try and solve the problem. It should be preserved."

Sales Tax is Higher

There was one bright spot in the bleak budget picture at Carmel City Hall last week. The estimated sales tax for June came in at \$121,700, up \$2,000 from a year ago.

The bad news was the city did not receive a check for the amount but one of the warrants California is issuing for the first time since the Great Depression due to its budget crisis. Wells Fargo Bank did honor the warrant, officials said.

Sales tax revenues are the city's second major source of income and totaled \$1.6 million in the fiscal year just ended, a drop of \$271,944 from the previous year. Cities receive a check for the estimated amounts until actual figures are tallied.

Library Loses Three

The head of Harrison Memorial's Reference Library and two other employees are leaving and will not be replaced due to Carmel's current budget constraints.

Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio said the positions will be frozen, the first casualties this year in the city employment rolls. Reference Head Pamela Jungerberg, library aide Alida Melson at the Main Library and library assistant Ruth Mazza in the Local History Department will be leaving.

Jungerberg had held a permanent position but asked to become parttime and was working 35 hours a week at the rate of \$23.40 per hour. Melson and Mazza were always on an hourly basis, officials said.

The library has a total staff of 14, many of whom are hourly workers. Its annual salaries and benefits totaled \$631,415 in the 1991-92 fiscal year. The library also spent \$131,891 last year on temporary help, the largest amount of any city department.

D'Ambrosio said one position in the police department and one in public works was frozen last year due to budget constraints. The city has a total of some 100 employees whose salaries and wages account for two-thirds of the annual \$8 million budget.

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Attorney Warns Complex Must Provide Promised Van Service

By Carolyn Rice

An attorney who pressured Pacific Meadows' management into rolling back proposed rent increases at the Valley housing complex said she has now warned executives that they must provide the transportation services that they advertised.

Chris Hyland, a Legal Services for Seniors attorney, said the van service was a prominent feature in advertising for the complex.

"People were lured into moving there with promises of transportation," she said. "Some might not be able to live there without transportation."

The Sun contacted Hyland and executives of American Baptist Homes of the West after receiving an anonymous letter from a Pacific Meadows resident complaining that van service is not being provided as promised from the complex located 1.4 miles up a steep and winding road from Carmel Valley Road near the mouth of the Valley.

Jerry Warren, vice president of American Baptist Homes which operates the 200-apartment unit, acknowledged that transportation service has had recent problems. He said one employee who drove the van has been ill, and a volunteer who was driving recently quit.

The letter to the Sun from "a resident afraid to sign this letter" complained the service simply takes people to the bottom of the hill to catch public transit, and there is no weekend service.

"People cannot get to church or anywhere on Saturday or Sunday," the letter writer said. "They are stuck on the hill."

"We never promised Sunday service," Warren said. He said nothing in the lease specifies transportation for residents although it was advertised in promotions for the complex. Last Saturday, the van service ran and was used by just one person, Warren said.

Neither Warren nor Hyland knew how many residents of the complex which opened last November are without personal transportation. Warren said he thought most residents have their own vehicles.

Hyland said she does not know what the legal ramifications are concerning the promise of transportation for residents. "I warned them (the management) they better not touch that one," she said.

In a recent controversy concerning additional charges for meal services, Hyland determined the management could not force any resident to buy five evening meals a week for \$88.50. While working on the matter and proposed rent increases which were subsequently cancelled, she also found a number of renters had been overcharged on their rents.

American Baptist Homes' management said it would rebate about \$30,000 in overcharges to residents. Hyland found the rent had been calculated incorrectly because a formula for the wrong year was used.

In addition, residents also had not received utility credits of \$20 to \$39 per month. Not every tenant's rent had been calculated incorrectly, American Baptist executives said, but they agreed that some were wrong. Rebates will be paid based on how many months' rent tenants have paid.

American Baptist executives said the government formulas were complex and complicated, and they were glad the mistake had been found now rather than sometime in the future when it would be more expensive to rectify.

They also said if they are not allowed to require meal services, they may have to cut other services. Hyland said she warned them they had better not cut transportation as some tenants signed leases based on that promise of service.

Warren said he would describe the operations at Pacific Meadows as back to normal at this point. "We're not getting a lot of complaints—just the normal management problems," he said.

Rich Aldrete Sets CV Youth Baseball Camp

Former pro ball player Rich Aldrete of Monterey will head a group of four instructors offering expert baseball tutoring at a camp Aug. 3 through 7 for youth aged 9 through 14 at the Carmel Valley Little League field.

Marilyn Stream, a parent who is an active volunteer for Little League, described the camp as "a marvelous opportunity for our kids to get top-flight instruction here at home."

The faculty will include Mike Ham a former catcher with the San Francisco Giants; Chris Lasaca coach of Mission Junior College in Santa Clara; and Lew Ueno head coach at MPC.

The cost is \$99 per player, instruction will be given to three chronological age groups and the camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday. For information, telephone 655-0127.

Aldrete, who played AAA ball at Louisville in the Cardinal organization, said the camp is for "serious ball players who not only want to hone their skills for all-stars, but also their fundamental skills and performance."

Local Groups Will Meet on Zoning

An attempt to iron out differences between Carmel's various local groups on commercial zoning problems has moved a step farther.

Alan Williams, a member of Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG), said he had talked to David Maradei, president of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), and tentatively set Aug. 10 for an informal meeting.

Williams said such a meeting would include representatives of the Carmel Business Association (CBA) and the 2016 Committee although he said, "We want to make sure that any meeting stays unofficial." The 2016 Committee is a city committee created to project what type of city Carmel should be when it reaches 100.

"We want them to feel comfortable," he said of the CRA which has opposed any zoning changes until in-depth studies are conducted.

Williams, who also is chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee, said that committee of diverse interests started with a great many differences but was able to resolve them. He hopes similar agreement on zoning can result from the group meetings suggested by CCGG.

Proposals to change the central commercial zoning section have been under study for the past two years. Final action on proposed ordinances is scheduled before the Planning Commission Aug. 5.

Merv Sutton, new chairman of CCGG, said in an interview last week, "Basically we all want the same thing for Carmel. We want to find some solutions and present them to the (City) Council."

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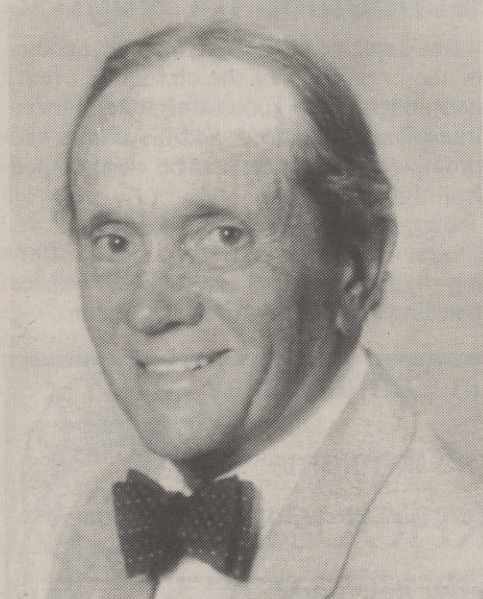
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JAMES FLIPPEN

Valley's Jim Flippen Relected Chartwell Trustees' President

Dr. James H. Flippen, a retired pediatrician who lives in Carmel Valley, has been named president of the board of trustees of Chartwell School for the third straight year.

The school is the only full-day program on the Central Coast for children ages 7 to 14 with dyslexia, a reading and learning disorder.

Newly elected executive committee members include J. Stewart Fuller, vice president; Marsha Zelus, treasurer; and Ione Strum, secretary/parliamentarian.

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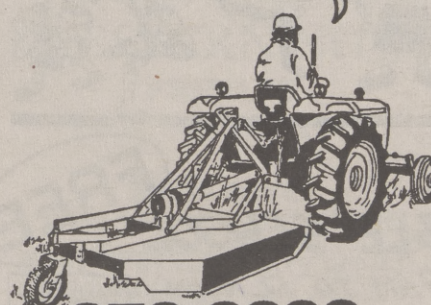
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CV Youth Sees Irony in Religion's Acceptance in Russian Schools

By Carolyn Rice

Schools in Russia have opened their doors to Christian missionaries at the same time public schools in the United States have eliminated all religious involvement, according to a young Carmel Valley man who recently returned from a two-month mission to the former Soviet Union.

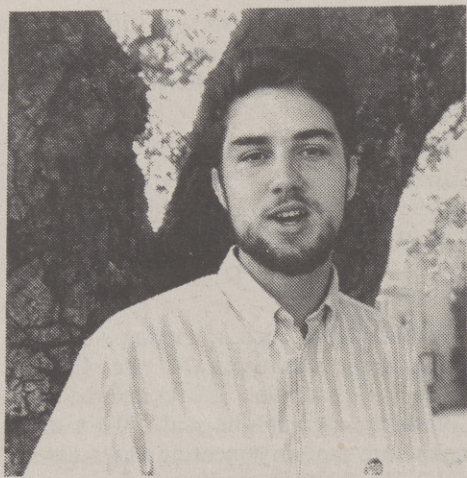
"It was ironic that I could go into their schools and in my own country wouldn't be able to do that," said Eric Nielsen, a 19-year-old 1991 graduate of Carmel High School.

A tall, dark-haired youth with a beard, Nielsen said he and 60 other young people who were on a mission trip with him talked about what they saw as the irony of the situation in the two countries regarding religion. Not much religious freedom was allowed under communist rule, but the country is really opening up now, Nielsen said.

Nielsen spent two months in Russia with a group of interdenominational missionaries who were affiliated with Youth With a Mission. They came from 13 countries including the United States, Japan, Finland, Germany, South Africa, Switzerland, Haiti and Canada, Nielsen said.

Nielsen said the students also were residents, Paul and Venita Nielsen, was in Krasnodar, Russia with half the group while the rest of the group was in Albania.

His group gave talks in 30 schools and



ERIC NIELSEN

the other group went to 60 schools, he said. "The kids were very, very receptive," he said. "They asked lots of questions. They don't have any kind of base as to what Christianity is about. They are really looking for spiritual meaning in their lives."

Nielsen said the Russians thought Christianity was just rules and regulations. "We tried to get across to them it was a relationship with God," he said.

Nielsen said the students also were very curious about the United States and had many questions about music and cars. "They are really into materialism because they have been so deprived," he said.

Nielsen said he met a lot of people on the trip including some high ranking government officials but, "I never met anyone who liked communism," he said.

He said he was invited to a number of private homes which ranged in decor from spartan to well-furnished. He described the Russians as "really warm, hospitable people."

Krasnodar, a city about 60 kilometers from the Black Sea, has a population of about 700,000 and "is probably one of the wealthier cities in Russia," Nielsen said, although the economy is very bad with high prices on everything.

The missionaries studied in Kona, Hawaii, for three months before embarking on the trip, Nielsen said. The young people came from various Christian religions and different walks of life. He said a number of the young people had wild and crazy personalities, and the group was far from a serious, quiet bunch of people. Each missionary paid his or her own way or had a sponsor, Nielsen said.

They flew to Frankfurt, Germany, where they set out on a six day bus trip to

Russia, stopping overnight at a hotel just once. "I think it was God's grace we didn't kill each other on the bus," Nielsen said.

Often the drivers would bring food aboard the bus for lunch and keep driving while someone cut the kilbaso (sausage) and cheese with a Swiss knife and served it, Nielsen said.

"The food is very, very greasy and very bland," he said. One dish he liked was pancakes with fruit or sweetened cheese filling, he said. "But they're kind of greasy, too."

The young people stayed in a youth hostel while in Krasnodar. On the last day they toured a military academy and passed out Bibles.

Nielsen said the missionaries learned a little bit of Russian and some of the Russians knew a little English. They used translators when they gave talks at the schools, he said.

He said the young people on the mission often made jokes about how they all had the "missionary accent"—talked slowly and used one syllable words so people could understand them.



INTERNATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE traveled recently on a Christian mission to Russia. Eric Nielsen of Carmel Valley said the group was invited to speak in many public schools and handed out Bibles at a military academy.

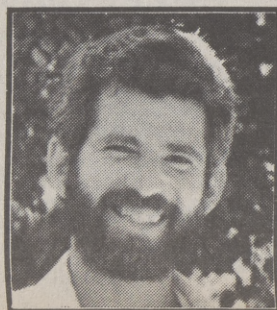
Open Hearts Concert Rescheduled for August

Delayed by the illness of one of the organizers, the second annual Open Hearts Summer Celebration concert will be held at the Holman Ranch lake on Sunday, Aug. 16, it was announced.

Marj Ingram, an official of the sponsoring Stage Magic Productions of Carmel Valley, said residents have been asking, "Why isn't there going to be a concert this year?"

She explained that Clem Savoldi, another of the organizers of the charitable event, had undergone a successful bone-marrow transplant at Stanford, and his illness had prompted the concert to be rescheduled from July to August.

Ingram said the concert would repeat the format of the first concert last year, offering rhythm and blues and rock and roll for listening and dancing from 1 to 6 p.m.



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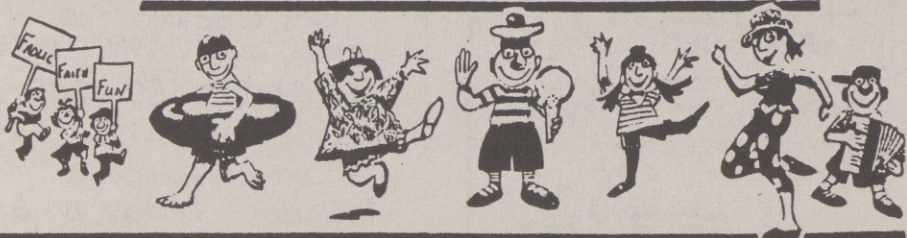


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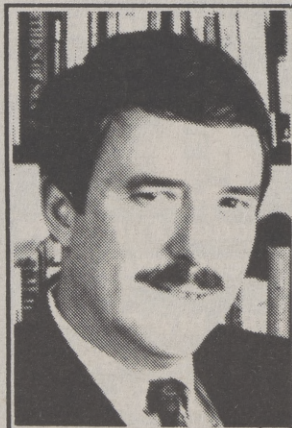
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From Highlands/Bixby

Second Site Wins Okay For Mill Creek Parking

By Carolyn Rice

Seventeen redwoods or nine canyon live oaks must be removed depending on which site is approved for a proposed Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District parking lot at its 1,160-acre Mill Creek property off Palo Colorado Road.

"The whole purpose of this originally was to protect redwood trees," grumbled one of the 13 people who attended a late Monday afternoon meeting of the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee at the sites of the proposed lots.

On a 6-0 vote, the advisory group endorsed the construction of a lot about a mile farther east of Highway 1 than the first site proposed by the park district. That means the redwoods are vulnerable to the axe.

The issue is scheduled to go before the Monterey Planning Commission in the Board of Supervisors' chambers in Salinas at 9:15 a.m. July 29.

Several local residents attending the meeting said they would prefer having no parking lot at all and would like to keep the land as a preserve rather than opening it hiking. If they had to have a lot, many said they preferred an out of sight location in hopes less people would become aware of the park land.

Neighborhood residents were divided on which site is preferable. Some said they liked the first location which is about 4.5 miles from Highway 1 because it cannot be seen from Palo Colorado Canyon Road. Others expressed preference for the second site which is about one mile farther, arguing it would be the better choice because no resident lives nearby and it is close to trail heads.

The second site will require the removal of the redwood trees, but committee members said they would like to save a 12-inch and a 15-inch diameter redwood slated for cutting. They said they will note this in their recommendation to the the Planning Commission. This would reduce the number of redwoods that need to be removed to 15. The others are smaller in size, members noted.

Park District Ranger Tim Jensen, who will be stationed in an office to be built at the parking lot, said both sites have advantages and drawbacks. "We are going to the Commission meeting saying we don't care which site is chosen," he said. The park districts does prefer the second site if it is approved by the Public Works Department, he said.

Mike Caplin, a local resident who has opposed the park district's \$1.3 million purchase of the property from the outset, said he would like to limit development to one parking lot with the stipulation no more parking lots, restrooms or park offices be added in the future.

Plans for the second site were developed after a May 18 Highlands/Bixby advisory meeting which was attended by 26 citizens. A number of people objected to the hillside cuts which would be necessary to widen the existing, narrow logging road at the first site.

The advisory committee said despite plans for widening it, the road would still be too narrow, so the park district developed a modified plan for the first site which calls for additional widening. With this plan 399 cubic yards of dirt would be removed from a hillside and 89 cubic yards used for fill.

The second site which the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee approved was originally rejected by the Palo Colorado review committee as it is on a curve, and they felt it would be a dangerous place for visitors to enter or leave.

In the park district report, Jensen said the district is still concerned about the safety factor at the second site but finds it superior on other issues. Only 10 cubic yards of dirt would have to be cut at the second site, the district plan stated, and no retaining walls

like the one needed at the first site would be necessary.

Jensen said the park district plans to control use of Mill Creek by means of a reservation system and parking for just eight or nine vehicles at a time.

Residents said they are worried about attracting too many people which would create additional traffic on Palo Colorado Road. It is little more than one lane wide in places, and more visitors would create added potential for fires in the heavily forested area.

Besides the 1,116-acre Mill Creek property, the park district purchased another 120 acres which adjoins it for \$120,000 in 1985. Mill Creek and Turner Creek join together on the Mill Creek parcel to form Bixby Creek. Park district staff members have described the area as one ideally suited for hiking and low level use. It already has a fairly good trail system with some fantastic trails next to the stream, the staff said.

A California Park and Recreational Facilities Act which was passed by voters in 1984 specifically named the property as once to receive funds, and 54 percent of the Palo Colorado residents voted in favor of the act. Big Sur Coast land use plans also call for public acquisition of land in the Bixby-Turner Creek watershed for recreation, park district staff members noted.

The permit asked for a waiver for development on slopes in excess of 30 percent grade and a coastal permit for hiking trails, signs, grading, parking lot, office trailer, restroom facilities and tree removal.

Jensen said the park would prefer installing a composting or chemical toilet rather than a septic tank with a leach field, but Walter Wong of the County Health Department would not approve the use. "All Walter could say is they are not sanitary," Jensen said. Some of the residents and advisory committee members also expressed their preference for the chemical or composting toilets. One resident said, "You aren't going to convince Walter Wong to have a composting toilet. He would get requests for all over the county for them and they would all say, 'the park district has one.'"

Several people said the composting toilets such as are used in Scandinavian countries are good for such facilities.



MEMBERS OF THE CARMEL Valley Chamber of Commerce enjoyed lunch and a talk by managing partner Tom Gray at the main house on 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos last Thursday.
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Eastwood Returns the Favor

Mission Ranch Artist Still Painting at 95

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told Eastwood, who explained he had them copied because he liked them so well and they suit the early California ranch-style decor. "We'll have to have you over to see them."

After posing for a picture in a lounge at the retirement home complex, Loesch invited the actor and his friend, Francie Fisher, who helped decorate the resort, to her apartment to see more of her art. Eastwood said he knew her son, Kurt, who lives in Carmel. He teased her gently when she said her son was a nice man. "Are you sure?" he smiled, then enveloped her in a bearhug.

"You're big," said the tiny woman looking up at him.

"I'm six-foot-four," he said, "And about 198 pounds." She asked him if he knew Lowell Weicker, the governor of Connecticut.

"Yes, I do," he said. "I played tennis with him at the Gardiner Ranch in Scottsdale."

"They have a senators' tennis tournament," he explained. Weicker, who was the Republican senator from Connecticut before running for governor as an independent, is "six feet five," Loesch told him.

She asked Eastwood if he would like to see her studio, then pulled a TV tray out from beneath a big round table. "This is it," she laughed. No longer painting outdoors, she now does 5 x 7 watercolors from her thick book of outdoor sketches. On the tray were two tiny palettes, a box of well-used brushes and a neat row of watercolor tubes of paint.

Loesch's husband was a perfume chemist with the prestigious Lenthérique firm where he created the popular "Tweed" perfume. The company was owned by the Weicker family's Squibb Corp., she said.

In an interview after her famous visitor had left, Loesch recalled her life of painting. She studied art, beginning with oil, in New York at the Cooper Union Art School.

In the 1930's, she went to Gloucester and Rockport, Mass., twice a year to paint "the big boats," studying with Emile Gruppé, whom she described as an enthusiastic teacher "who would say, 'Oh boy, this is going to be a good one.'"

In New York, Loesch knew Carmel artist Don Teague who will be the subject of a retrospective next month at the Carmel Art Association. She attended Georgia O'Keefe's first show given to her by her future husband, the famous photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

She still buys her supplies by telephone from New York, which is to her the world center of art both when she lived there and now. Dressed in an elegant, olive silk overblouse and tan slacks, Loesch talked of those days with a crisp memory.

"Living in New York was just great," she recalled. But, then, to Rosa Loesch, life



ARTIST ROSA LOESCH still enjoys painting at age 95. Using a small TV tray for her paints and brushes, she is surrounded by some of the work she created during a lifetime of painting.
Sun photos by Isabelle Hall

has always been just great.

Switching to watercolor in 1947, she produced so much work she had a one-woman show in New York in 1948 "and sold half the pictures that night. I have had so much going for me in my whole life. Not that I had anything to do with it. It all came to me."

She spent five months painting in the streets of Paris creating 88 watercolor sketches, she said, and traveled frequently to Europe with her husband. "Papa Weicker," the governor's grandfather asked her to do large paintings of vivid flowers for the Lenthérique Salon in Paris, then had a formal dinner with his executive staff to honor her for the work.

Born in Munich, Germany, June 26, 1897, Loesch was brought to America as a child with her family in 1901 at the age of 4.

"New York was so different then," she recalled. "There was no fear. My mother never said to me don't talk to anybody. I really had the best of it. I used to feel so guilty I was having such fun. The time just flies."

On April 2, 1921, she married Kurt Loesch who encouraged her to switch from oils to watercolors after she became attracted to watercolor during frequent visits



"FOG COMING IN—PEBBLE BEACH," a watercolor of cypress trees was painted by Rosa Loesch this year from a sketch she did outdoors. Her work is on display at the Beeches Gallery in Carmel.

to the American Watercolor Society in New York. The prestigious group accepted two of her watercolors of New York City.

Loesch moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1973 and, like so many local artists, would go out mornings with a few compatriots to paint landscapes throughout the area which, with its soft light from the ocean fog, has attracted artists from all over the world.

Some of her friends gathered last month at Hacienda Carmel for her birthday, each giving her an original watercolor on a birthday card. They were Alicia Meheen, Ellen Monstriaci, Nancy Johnson and Hal Abbott. "It was just like old home week."

How did she happen to send Eastwood four paintings?

The management raised the rent on her apartment so she decided to move into a

smaller unit at Park Lane. In the process she said she went through her things and decided to give away a lot of her paintings. She gave 18 paintings to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, four of Carmel Valley to the Carmel Valley History Society, and called Carmel City Hall to see if Mayor Eastwood wanted four of the ranch.

A prolific painter throughout her life, she still paints at a steady rate. "I ordered 60 mats from New York last June. This year the 60 are all gone and I've already used two dozen of new batch. What I'm doing now, I love."

The fact Eastwood came to call on her was another one of the "beautiful things that have happened to me. Everybody's been so kind and so nice. I can't believe it sometimes."



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Organizer Says Fiesta Has Some Exciting Exhibitors

By Carolyn Rice

Some people were born to organize. Joan Vandervort, organizer of the arts and crafts at the Carmel Valley Fiesta Aug. 1 and 2, surely is one of them.

The Valley woman works all year to find and register exhibitors for the Carmel Outdoor Summer Art Festival which took place June 20-21 at Sunset Center and the Homecrafters show which will be held there Nov. 21.

Then just to keep herself on her toes, she has organized exhibitors for the Fiesta where she said she has "some exciting crafts people signed up," including a man who makes candle holders and lamps from the antlers shed by deer, a creator of wooden wall hangings, scrimshaw makers and local artists such as watercolorist Ron Bean.

"I recruit exhibitors for the Fiesta," she said where booth space is unlimited, in comparison to the other shows which are juried. This year there will be 103 in the arts and crafts exhibit at the sprawling Carmel Valley Community Park. Among local artists will be sisters Delia Bradford and Cindra Nelson of Carmel, the daughters of Howard Bradford of the Carmel Art Association, and Valley watercolorists Ron Bean and Sally Sanders.

One exhibitor from Gonzales makes candle holders, lamps and other items out of "shed" antlers. Another creates wooden wall hangings from many wooden pieces, according to Vandervort, including a turkey made from wooden feathers.

"I have people coming from Oklahoma and Oregon. We have some very different crafts," she said, including scrimshaw, painted ceramic buttons and large painted saws.

"Packaging is everything," she tells the exhibitors. "People should spend time in presenting their work. I tell them you can bring wonderful work and put it on a card table and people will walk right past."

Vandervort said she does Fiesta work free but receives a small stipend for the two shows held at Sunset Center which covers her phone bills and copy costs. "I make under \$2,000 and work all year," she said.

Why does she do it?

"The perks are great. Look at all the people I get to meet." Besides she said, "I'm one of their best customers." In her home she has hung a number of paintings purchased at the shows.

Vandervort has become so well known she even got a call from Disneyland inquiring if she thought she could get 100 local artists to enter a show in Anaheim. They talked for two weeks but the project has never materialized.

"I didn't believe it was Disneyland," she laughed. "I thought it was one of my silly friends or somebody from Sunset Center being funny. I don't know how they got my name."

Vandervort said some local artists have become "some of our best friends." Her husband, Gene, owns the Village Cabinet



JOAN VANDERVORT ORGANIZES ART SHOWS and craft shows. The Carmel Valley Fiesta exhibitors Aug. 1 and 2 have signed up for the Fiesta through Vandervort who says she has found some new and unique exhibitors.

Co. in Carmel Valley Village. Highschool sweethearts, they both grew up in Carmel and graduated from Carmel High School in 1950. Seven years ago they moved from Monterey to a home on the former Hank Ketcham Ranch above the Village.

Vandervort said the Homecrafters Show has "grown from 30 people with blankets on the ground to 300 crafts people." Some booths have multiple exhibitors such as the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild, Central Coast Art Association and Monterey Peninsula Water Colorists Society.

Thirty of the 115 booths at this show are available each year on a competitive basis. "Ten ladies critique the show and the presentation and quality of work," she explained. Based on what they see, some people are not offered booth space the next year. On Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., would-be exhibitors have their work juried by committee.

"We can be picky," Vandervort said. "We get at least 150 applications for the 30 spaces." She said the whole process is sometimes hard on her because her personal favorites may get rotated out.

"Sometimes these 10 ladies will rotate someone out that breaks my heart," she said.

Booth fees are \$25 for one day at the Homecrafters show, \$40 for two days at the Sunset Center art show and \$50 for two days at the Fiesta.

Vandervort is proud of the quality of crafts exhibited at Homecrafters where most of the participants are peninsula residents and all must live within an hour's drive from Carmel. The show is balanced with potters, photographers, dried flowers, wearable art and other crafts.

"People do slip things in that aren't homemade," she said.

Another rule is not to accept anything that is sold in Carmel shops so as not to take away a merchant's business, Vandervort said.

"I have learned so much," she added. "There's no way to procrastinate." Her phone rang about six times during an interview with the Sun with exhibitors calling with questions.

Vandervort takes a busman's holiday from time to time, attending other crafts shows around the area for ideas. She likes to work on crafts herself, but said she seldom has the time. She used to exhibit with the 39 Craftsman at La Playa Hotel in Carmel when it had a show during the Christmas holidays.

Organizing flows over to other projects too. Vandervort and her husband have organized each of their Carmel High School class reunions. About 20 class members still live in the area and are very close while several people who moved away would like to come back but are deterred by the high cost of housing, she said.

The Vandervorts have four children who live in the area and eight grandchildren. One grandson, Chad Christensen, has been helping his grandmother with her shows since he was 9. This year, at the age of 18, he will start a pre-med course at the University of California at Davis but Vandervort has her eye on her five other grandsons.

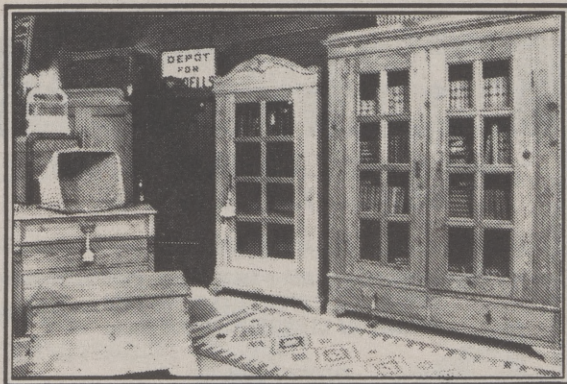
"Craft shows were good for a while and then took a dive when flea markets came in the the middle 70s," she said, and old jewelry, spoons and junk started getting mixed up with the craft items. At Homecrafters, exhibitors must make everything, and Vandervort's committee keeps a sharp eye out for purchased items which are sometimes incorporated into the craft.



JOAN VANDERVORT DESCRIBES HERSELF as a good customer at the art and craft shows she organizes. Her home is decorated with many paintings she has purchased at the shows, and she said, what is even better, she has become good friends with a number of the artists.

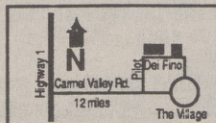
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DISCOVERY — THE LIVELY ARTS

BY BARBARA ROSE SHULER

The first week of 1992 Carmel Bach Festival was an exciting and fascinating musical adventure. The new maestro, Bruno Weil, established himself as a fresh, strong force capable of carrying the 55-year-old event to new levels of musical excellence. Bruce Lamott as the new chorale director likewise demonstrated the ability to create an elegant, pure, balanced sound with the festival singers.

The afternoon recitals were exceptional in programming and performance. Evening concerts offered audiences a wide variety of music, most of it wonderfully presented. The opera—short and lighthearted—was smartly staged this year and musically appealing, highlighted by some

splendid solo performances. Lectures and special events sprinkled throughout the week added marvelous texturing to the music-making. Since the announcement of maestro Sandor Salgo's retirement last year, the air has crackled with anticipation of this first week of Bach Festival '92.

For a week that turned out to be outstanding in content and quality of performance, it began, believe it or not, with a bit of a thud. The first half of the opening concert on Monday night stands apart from the rest of the week as an interlude best forgotten. This wobbly rendering of Bach's Cantata BWV 110 and Stravinsky's "Variations on Vom Himmel Hoch..." resembled the storybook dress rehearsal of theater lore in which things go so wrong that opening night is a guaranteed smashing success.

What actually went wrong with this carefully structured concert is rather a mystery. If I were to guess (and it would be only a guess), I would say it lay in a combination of opening night nerves, acoustical problems, difficult material and an overexpectant audience. What the listeners experienced was that orchestra, chorus and orchestra were startlingly out of sync with each other. That this was shocking to the audience was evident by the uncharacteristic quiet that dominated the intermission, usually bright with conversation. For those who may not have been troubled by the awkwardness of the Cantata, the radical intellectualism and modernism of the Stravinsky work hit home as a shocking way to begin this most important of evenings. Indeed, it was a shocked group that gathered in the courtyard at the interval.

The lovely *Orchestral Suite #4* of J.S. Bach followed by the favorite Handel work *Water Music Suite #2* rallied the audience to enthusiastic applause after the second half. As if to demonstrate that the chorale had slipped down a momentary rabbit hole of imperfection, the encore was a perfectly heavenly vocal rendering of Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

If Monday night was a dress rehearsal, Tuesday night's "Creation Oratorio" of Joseph Haydn was the complementary opening night

extraordinaire. Chorus, orchestra and conductor gave us a sublime performance of this work. Weil's conducting is dazzling for this seldom performed masterpiece. Drawn from the biblical story of creation the Oratorio provides an evening of high drama, joyful celebration and sheer beauty. Baritone Daniel Licht and soprano Maria Venuti sing exquisitely as archangels Raphael and Gabriel and later as Adam and Eve.

Subtitles projected onto the rather pale upper surface of the stage are the English translation rendered from the German libretto by Viennese Court Librarian, Baron Gottfried Van Swietan. While acknowledging Van Swietan's importance to the world of classical music, I would suggest a more elegant set of subtitles. The good Baron's translation could easily win first prize in the annual Bulwer-Lytton Turgid Prose Competition—a small flaw, though, in an otherwise spellbinding evening.

Bruce Lamott's outstanding contribution as chorale director is luminously evident in the Wednesday Mission Basilica Concert this year, entitled "Music of Imperial Vienna at the Hapsburg Court." Of particular beauty and elegance was the "Missa Laetare," an American premiere of the early 18th century choral composition by Antonio Caldara. As always the banners, the pageantry and the setting help make this concert an especially memorable and popular one during the festival week.

The afternoon recitals are all excellent. They begin at 2:30 in the Sunset auditorium and feature the marvelous artistry of the finest musicians of the Festival Orchestra. Tuesday morning's Mission Basilica recital for organ and trumpet with Wolfgang Basch and Ken Ahrens is another highlight of the daytime presentations. Each day you can go to free-pre concert talks and attend the short Tower Music concerts in the open air.

During the second part of the opening week I particularly enjoyed the "Bach's Son's" concert on Friday and the Handel opera "Acis and Galatea." In my next column I'll review these and other highlights.

Remember that you may attend Bach Festival performances and events (space available) through Aug. 2 and that the programs are repeated each week of the festival.

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY STAN HALL

So long, Ross Perot. Thank you for doing what is right for the country.

I recognize that not everyone shares my view, including many of your supporters and a number of the pundits. John Chancellor of NBC News, for example, used some of the harshest language I have ever heard from him Friday night in denouncing your decision not to run. He suggested you had led your supporters on and then left them high and dry with very little explanation.

I can understand how many of your supporters are disappointed and do not want to accept that you made the right decision. Many still feel that you could provide the country with the change they desperately yearn for.

But, Ross, your analysis was dead right; you could not have won the presidency with a third party bid and to pursue it would have been terribly divisive.

Your decision showed me more than anything else that you have ever done that maybe you are a great patriot; I certainly hope it was concern

mark "none of the above" when it comes to established politicians.

You saw the result of this gridlock in Washington in the fight over the proposed balanced budget amendment, and Californians are seeing a replay of it now in Sacramento where a Republican chief executive and a Democratic legislature can not agree—won't agree—on how to solve the state's fiscal problems.

By dividing the authority to govern, Americans—probably unknowingly—contribute to the political partisanship and posturing that many now find so loathsome.

I believe it was Texan Lyndon Johnson—the great cajoler, the behind the scenes wheeler-dealer, the arm-twister—who said that "politics is the art of the possible." In other words, compromise is absolutely necessary when people are widely split over an issue.

Now, it is possible that if you had decided to make the race, events could have conspired to turn you into a winner. It's a long time until

The present governmental gridlock is disastrous, I agree. But adding a headstrong outsider to the already fractured landscape could only make it worse, not better.

So I applaud your decision not to run, Ross. At the same time, I hope the enthusiasm that you stirred in millions of Americans across party, geographic, ethnic and philosophical lines will not be wasted.

If you really want to put the not inconsiderable influence you now have to good use, tell your supporters the one thing that they must accept if this country is to get out of the mess it's in: There are no easy answers to our problems. There are no white knights who can ride out of the sunset, as you suggested, and solve them "without even breaking a sweat." The solutions to our ills, starting with the national debt, can not be painless and still work.

In this country, most political candidates fear to tell people those hard truths. They are afraid it will cost them popularity and a chance to be elected. As a result, we sail along ignoring problems or dealing with them superficially while things continue to go to hell in a handbasket.

Could it be that it's the people rather than the politicians who are mainly at fault?

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for the wellbeing of the country that caused you to pull back.

Your decision also tended to confirmed what I have long thought about you since we met briefly at General Motors—you are headstrong, stubborn and have more than a little ego, but you're certainly not stupid.

It surely was very heady, having all those people urging you to run and working to gather enough signatures to qualify you for the ballot in at least 24 states. Ego alone would have kept many of us going, kidding ourselves or hoping against hope that something would happen that would let us win.

By formally entering the race, I have no doubt that you could have played the spoiler, denying a clear majority either to Bill Clinton or President Bush. It would have made for a very interesting political year, but to what benefit?

Throwing the election into the House of Representatives would only further splinter the country. If it came to a vote of the House, a third party candidate wouldn't have a prayer no matter what the popular vote may have been. The professional politicians would always go along with their party's nominee.

The widespread voter frustration that gave birth to your nascent campaign, I believe, stems mainly from the practice of the American people putting one party in charge of the White House and the other in charge of Congress.

It's almost as though the voters don't trust either party enough to give one or the other the authority really to govern. The result is the governmental gridlock that has many voters ready to

November, and the one thing that is certain about American politics is that the unexpected will likely happen between now and then in some way.

So, for sake of argument, let's say you had decided to run and did by some miracle happen to win the White House. Would you have been an effective chief executive?

Knowing what I do about you, Ross, and the way you are used to operating, I don't think so. By temperament, training and experience, you are used to having your own way. Patience, tolerance for other views and a willingness to compromise have never been your strong suits, and yet they are critical if the nation's chief executive is able to work constructively with congressional leaders with different political philosophies.

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CUTTING AN ANNIVERSARY cake is volunteer fireman Robert Dayton, right, during a picnic Saturday marking 60 years of service by the Carmel Highlands Fire Department to neighborhoods south of Carmel. Attended by several hundred residents, the picnic of chicken and ribs was held at the Hudson House at Point Lobos under sunny skies and beside a sparkling ocean. Below, some residents used the occasion to catch up on neighborhood news while others enjoyed the ribs. The department's primary responsibility is fire protection in a six square-mile area stretching from Fish Ranch to Otter Cove and containing about 700 homes. Seven paid members and 15 volunteers make up the department.

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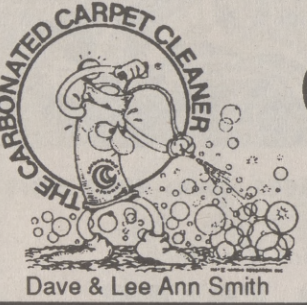
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Parking Plans Outlined for Fiesta

Plenty of parking will be available for the third annual Carmel Valley Fiesta Aug. 1 and 2 although it will be prohibited along Carmel Valley Road by Community Park because of safety concerns.

Parking will be available on part of the Carmel Valley Airport and in the Hidden Valley Music Seminars lots as well as on most Village streets during the two day celebration, according to Lee Rieman, chief of security.

Marking the Valley's rich history, the Fiesta will get underway at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, with a general parade down Carmel Valley Road. A Clown Parade will be staged at noon Sunday, Aug. 2.

The Fiesta, free to the public in Community Park, will feature food and drink booths, arts and crafts displays and games for youngsters.

A street dance and barbecue will be held Saturday night and a 10K race and pancake breakfast are scheduled for Sunday morning.

Rieman said No Parking signs would be posted along Carmel Valley Road both days of the Fiesta because of the potential danger. He explained that not much shoulder exists on the north side of the road and people opening their drivers' doors directly into traffic could be hit.

He said the entire eastern portion of the airport would be available for parking. It is reached by taking Ford Road north off of Carmel Valley Road and proceeding to

Lilac Road which leads to the airport.

The parking at Hidden Valley is south of Carmel Valley Road just east of Ford Road.

In addition to Carmel Valley Road, where parking will be prohibited both Saturday and Sunday, Rieman said parking would be banned on Saturday on DelFino Place west of the Plaza Linda building to Pilot Road to allow for preparations for the street dance and barbecue.

Rieman said the Fiesta also is accessible by bus service which stops at Pilot Road and on DelFino Place.

Honeymooners to Be Honored At Highlands Inn Anniversary

A Salinas couple will be honored Monday as winners of Highlands Inn's national search for the oldest couple to have spent their honeymoon at the historic Highway 1 resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Brown spent their honeymoon at the inn Jan. 1 to 3 in 1932 after being married in San Francisco. The inn opened July 28, 1917 long before Highway 1 was built and was approachable only by a narrow dirt road from the north.

Also to be honored at the luncheon will be writer Richard Criley who has been a Carmel Highlands resident since 1917.

Other honeymooners, Highlands residents and members of Carmel Heritage will be feted Tuesday night at a champagne party.



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2nd Quarter Real Estate Sends Mixed Signals

By Paul Brocchini

Associate Broker, Prestige Properties
"I would be a rich man if everyone would pay me what I owe them."

Don't you love those business reports at the end of the day that say the Wall Street action gave off "mixed signals?" The proper translation for that description, it seems to me, is that no one has a clue to what is happening. Hence the title of this quarter's report: "Mixed Signals" or "Your Guess is as Good as Mine."

Let me work you through some of the numbers in the adjoining charts, and you will see what I mean. Then go into greater depth yourself, and come to your own conclusions.

There are lots of good things to look at in the second quarter numbers which, to me, are a surprise. The market seems slow. The number of listings continues to be high, the number of sales in relation to listings is low, and the broker "caravans" (the open house days during the week for brokers to see listings) are huge. So my finding some pleasing numbers was a bit of refreshment.

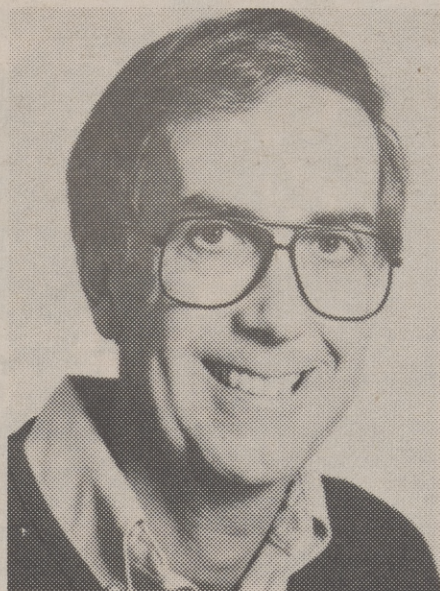
The number of sales in most markets was up in the second quarter in comparison to the first: Carmel 47 from 31; Carmel Valley 35 from 22; Monterey 30 from 26; Pebble Beach 18 from 12.

Most pleasing, at least to sellers, is that median sales prices have been firm and have even jumped up in some cases (see Median Sales Price Chart) Carmel is as steady as a fully loaded tanker, \$452,000 in the quarter as opposed to \$454,000 for all of 1991; Carmel Valley jumped up to a strong \$430,500 for the quarter; Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach held in their own at \$261,000 and \$540,000 respectively.

This strength is nice to see. Monterey Peninsula real estate is holding its value.

On the debit side of the ledger, let's look first at the Market Barometer, a measure of activity. The barometer numbers are mostly down, and those that are up show only marginal increases. Activity in relation to the total number of listings continues to be slow, especially in the bottom four markets, Carmel Valley, Carmel, Pebble Beach and South Coast.

The Recordings Chart, which compares the number of recorded sales in the February to May period in 1991 and 1992, shows a substantial decrease in activity, especially in Pebble Beach, off 34.94



PAUL BROCCINI

percent, and Carmel (includes Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands), off 31.69 percent. That is an impressive decline. The notable exceptions are along the Monterey/Salinas highway which registered a 25 percent gain over last year and Pacific Grove which was up 27 percent. Median sales price also increased during the quarter along that corridor.

The numbers for Carmel and Pebble Beach do not tell the whole truth. There was a mini-boom in real estate in both areas last year at the end of the Gulf War. So our third quarter report will probably be a truer reflection of this year's action versus '91.

The mystery market is Pebble Beach, which shows only seven recorded transactions in May (four MLS sales) and only 17 for the quarter. The Forest, in my view, has some of the best values on the Peninsula, both in the Country Club and Estate areas. The lack of activity defies logic.

One wonders if the Japanese purchase of the Pebble Beach company has had any impact. If that is the case, you can bet that it will be a passing phenomenon. It doesn't matter if the Pebble Beach Company is owned by Martians (which would certainly be interesting) as long as it is well managed and responsive to residents' needs.

For those interested in buying in the Forest it seems unlikely that the future will offer again as many attractive opportunities as are available now.

Real Estate Market Barometer Four-Quarter Review

(Hottest to Coolest Market in Second Quarter in Descending Order)

Town	Date	In Escrow vs/Listings	Percent
Marina	7/03/92	19/103	18.45
	4/01/92	27/74	36.49
	12/31/91	11/76	14.47
	10/02/91	13/98	13.27
Monterey	7/03/92	23/146	15.75
	4/01/92	20/14	14.18
	12/31/91	18/107	16.82
	10/02/91	8/125	6.4
Salinas Hwy	7/03/92	20/144	13.89
	4/01/92	34/157	21.66
	12/31/91	15/119	12.61
	10/02/91	6/142	4.23
Seaside	7/03/92	20/150	13.33
	4/01/92	31/149	20.81
	12/31/91	16/120	13.33
	10/02/91	18/163	11.04
Pacific Grove	7/03/92	18/141	12.77
	4/01/92	20/147	13.61
	12/31/91	12/111	10.81
	10/02/91	22/152	14.47
Carmel Valley	7/03/92	15/148	10.14
	4/01/92	20/144	13.89
	12/31/91	9/125	7.2
	10/02/91	16/166	9.64
Carmel	7/03/92	28/286	9.79
	4/01/92	25/270	9.26
	12/31/91	13/193	6.74
	10/02/91	20/249	8.0
Pebble Beach	7/03/92	13/160	8.13
	4/01/92	11/151	7.28
	12/31/91	6/124	4.84
	10/02/91	6/133	4.51
South Coast	7/03/92	3/55	5.45
	4/01/92	3/41	7.31
	12/31/91	0/32	0.0
	10/02/91	4/44	9.09

Bold indicates latest Barometer reading for comparison to past three quarters

Chart by June Levora

Listing and Sales Data—Second Quarter 1992*

Town	Avg. Listing Price 7/3/92	Avg. Market Time 7/3/92	Dif. Last Rpt.	Median Sales Price (Quarter)	Avg. Mkt. Time 6 mos.	Dif. Last Rpt.	% Exp. (6 mos.)
Carmel	\$732,033	162	-10	\$452,000	203	-8	38%
Carmel Valley	\$730,763	128	-23	\$430,500	205	+26	41%
Marina	\$186,162	105	-46	\$167,000	163	+12	28%
Monterey	\$435,051	122	-8	\$227,000	141	+11	33%
Pacific Grove	\$350,466	144	+20	\$261,000	160	-14	32%
Pebble Beach	\$1,498,467	176	-6	\$540,000	216	+39	47%
Salinas Hwy	\$606,509	135	-13	\$312,500	129	-11	23%
Seaside	\$155,105	128	+7	\$141,050	143	+12	43%
South Coast	\$1,477,445	216	-16	\$575,000	165	+13	52%

*Multiple Listing Service numbers only.

Chart by June Levora

Median Sales Price Comparisons Multiple Listing Service Data Only

Town	(Full Yr) 1992	4th Quarter 1991	1st Quarter 1992	2nd Qtr 1992
Carmel	\$454,000	\$449,000	\$448,000	\$452,000
Carmel Valley	\$412,500	\$390,000	\$342,500	\$430,500
Marina	\$170,000	\$186,500	\$165,000	\$167,000
Monterey	\$312,500	\$313,000	\$253,750	\$227,000
Pacific Grove	\$280,000	\$269,500	\$254,000	\$261,000
Pebble Beach	\$560,000	\$550,000	\$562,000	\$540,000
Salinas Hwy	\$318,975	\$300,000	\$285,000	\$312,500
Seaside	\$142,400	\$110,000	\$129,500	\$141,050
South Coast	\$380,000	\$400,000	\$800,000*	\$575,000

*Ignore this number. Only three sales during quarter.

Chart by June Levora

Sales Data Second Quarter 1992 Single Family Residences

Town	No. of Sales	Median Sales Price	Low Sale	High Sale
Carmel	47	\$452,000	\$244,000	\$2,400,000
Carmel Valley	35	\$430,500	\$215,000	\$780,000
Marina	24	\$167,000	\$126,900	\$226,500
Monterey	30	\$227,000	\$138,000	\$414,900
Pacific Grove	30	\$261,000	\$168,000	\$700,000
Pebble Beach	17	\$540,000	\$299,500	\$3,350,000
Salinas Hwy	44	\$312,500	\$164,900	\$750,000
Seaside	32	\$141,050	\$104,000	\$214,000
South Coast	5	\$575,000	\$350,000	\$2,500,000

Multiple Listing Service Data Only

Chart by June Levora

RECORDINGS

Four Month Comparative Analysis
Includes all Grant Deeds, Residential, Commercial and Vacant Lots

Town	1991					1992					Dif	%Dif
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ttl	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ttl		
Carmel*	75	45	63	60	243	47	36	40	43	166	-77	-31.69%
Marina	13	18	26	16	73	29	14	17	16	76	+3	+4.11%
Monterey/D.R. Oaks	26	31	31	48	136	39	28	27	22	116	-20	-14.71%
Pacific Grove	15	16	33	24	88	30	22	37	23	112	+24	+27.27%
Pebble Beach	15	22	23	23	83	12	19	16	7	54	-29	-34.94%
Salinas Highway	14	14	29	15	72	18	18	30	24	90	+18	+25%
Seaside	27	29	38	30	124	39	24	34	26	123	-1	-0.01%
Total	185	175	243	216	819	214	161	201	161	737	-79	-9.65%

*Carmel figures include Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands
 Figures Courtesy of First American Title Co.

Chart by June Levora



FUN-IN-THE-SUN

By KATE MCANANEY

If you were wondering what Carmel Valley kids are doing this summer, I've got the answer for you...**SWIMMING!** Not only is the Community Pool teeming with activity every morning for swim lessons and every afternoon for recreational swimming, the Carmel Valley Aquatics Swim Team has 10 youngsters involved!

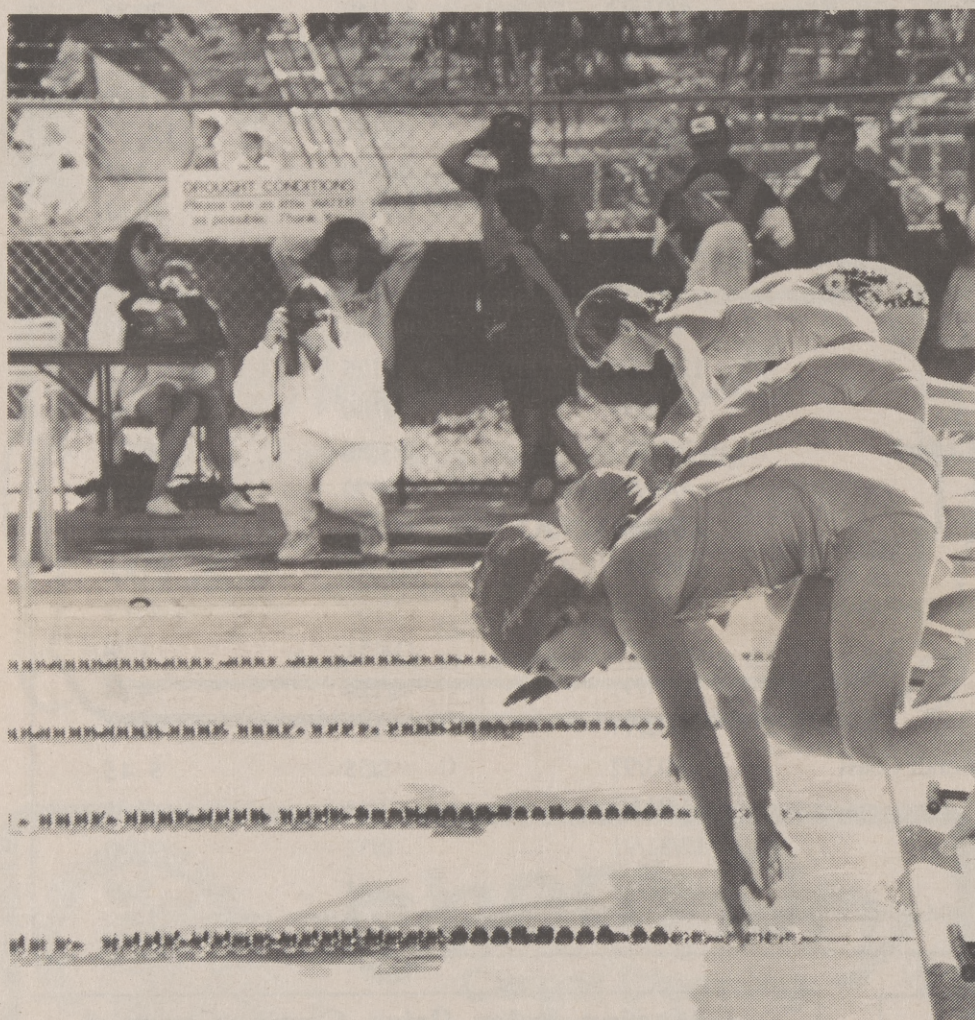
Coach Di Whitesides (who is also Pool Director) is really pleased with her enthusiastic group of swimmers. "At our last home meet this past Saturday, we stung the Gonzales Stingrays! We're looking forward to the championship meet at Hartnell on Aug. 8. My team is great!"

NEW at the pool, is water volleyball and basketball! According to Pam Stearns, former CVCYV Board members, these sports are "all the rage" in Memphis and throughout the southeastern U.S. "It's

major summer fun!" says Pam. So come on down and check it out Wednesday to Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.! Let's get the trend going out west. The whole family can play.

The second session of **DIVING** begins July 27 at 9 a.m. there's still room in the class but call today. 659-2606. Students from the first sessions aid it was a "great class and really fun." So, there's an endorsement.

Aside from swimming, the Community Center has Aikido classes on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call instructor Steven Davalos, 624-5922, for information about this non-aggressive martial arts. There are also Jazzercise classes with Sherry Cosseboom Tuesday and Thursday from 6:16 to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.



GET SET. GO! Swimmers leave the boards during a race at the Community Center pool Saturday during a meet between Carmel Valley and Gonzales. Team scores are not tallied at such meets, but coach Di Whitesides expressed satisfaction at the performance of her young charges. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*



FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF ART by Virginia Sevier Rogers, left, will be presented at the Pacific Grove Art Center through Aug. 28. An opening reception for the Carmel Valley woman's work will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. July 24. A painter, sculptor and potter, Rogers creates prints, batiks and collages and paints in all media. A native of Fort Collins, Colo., she maintains her own gallery on Carmel Valley Road. Included in the exhibit will be the flower garden oil painting above.

Valley Swimmer Is First in N.Y. Meet

Heather Pease, a Carmel Valley resident who competes nationally and internationally in synchronized swim meets, placed first in figures at the U. S. Open Synchronized Swim Meet in Tonawanda, N. Y. last week.

Pease took a second in duet and solo. Her duet partner at the July 14 to 18 meet was Jennifer Vorhes of Walnut Creek.

In the figures competition the swimmers perform six specified positions while in solo they perform an individualized, choreographed routine.

Pease will compete next at the American Cup in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the middle of August. Pease said she will attend St. Mary's College at Moraga next fall and train with the Walnut Creek Aquanats Swim Club.

Men Gardeners Meet Tuesday at Crossroads

Ray Cloyd will speak on "management of garden pests" when the Men's Garden Club of the Monterey Peninsula meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Crossroads Shopping Center.

Cloyd, educated locally and a longtime member of the club, has received a stipend to Purdue University for advanced studies in horticulture.

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HOME SALES

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The Sun makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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5TH AVE. Dennis Lee & Carolene Ann Hazelton to Leslie P. Crayne. \$375,000.

MISSION ST. Maureen A. Bianchini to Cynthia D. Coates. \$211,000.

Lot 21 Block 119. William R. Bates to Spencer & Pamela M. Leyton. \$512,500.

Setting It Straight

In its July 9 issue, the *Sun* reported the wrong day for the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department as part of the Fiesta. It will be held on Sunday morning, Aug. 2.

In the July 2 edition, the *Sun* failed to give credit to Carmel architect Ray Parks for the drawing of the Comstock "Hansel and Gretel" house.

Jean Leidig Draper was erroneously quoted as saying she used to play croquet at Mission Ranch in the July 9 special section on the resort. The sport was badminton.

Paul Plamondon, a local historian who researches property titles, called to say the original Mission Ranch land actually was sold by the Lovelands to William Martin, the father of John Martin who then obtained the U.S. patent which was reprinted on page 17 in the July 9 edition.

The *Sun* misspelled John Purcell's name in the interview with Clint Eastwood in the same edition.

Carmel Valley

100 PANETTA RD. Shirley M. Palmer to Mark S. Kimes. \$810,000.

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3198 DEL CIERVO RD. Wayne A. & Sharon L. Hawkins to Zigmont J. & Dianne E. Le Towt III. \$720,000.

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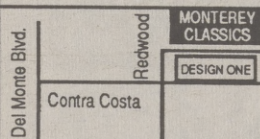
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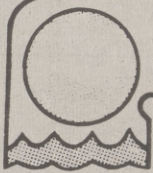
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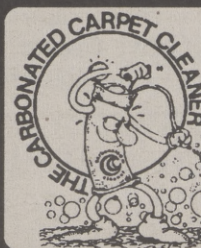


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Directors Debate Allocation Of CV's Water West Savings

Saying "I can't last much longer," contractor Dan Saxton urged the water management district board Monday night to allow water saved by improvements in the old Water West System to remain in Carmel Valley.

He spoke out during a hearing into how much water has been saved by upgrading and fixing the old Water West infrastructure, how much of it should be allocated for new growth and to whom.

In the end, directors said they needed more information and put off a decision until their August meeting. But there did seem to be a general feeling that Tim Condon's proposed Veeder Ranch subdivision should have first claim on it.

Saxton told the board that a proposed office building he wants to build on Carmel Valley Road just west of the Grapevine Liquor Store had been caught in the water management district's building moratorium for some 18 months while he continued to pay the mortgage on it.

He said he was one of 21 such projects caught by the moratorium while nearly through the planning phase, and "I just missed by six days."

"The water should stay in Carmel Valley," Saxton said, "at least 12 acre-feet for Veeder Ranch and the rest should go to the county."

Some members of the board suggested the water saved by Cal-Am Water Co.'s repairs to the Water West System should be divided between the seven cities and the county areas which lie within the water management district.

Water West, which served 431 connections in the western end of the greater Carmel Village area around Los Laureles Lodge, was purchased by Cal-Am in 1989. Since then, Larry Foy, Cal-Am general manager, told the *Sun* the company has spent some \$700,000 on improvements, including replacing three old redwood storage tanks and several thousand feet of main line.

"As a result of the water system improvements, total water production by the Water West System has decreased since

the 1989 acquisition by Cal-Am from 260 to 151 acre-feet per year," the staff report on the issue said.

Director Dick Heuer agreed with Saxton. "Undeveloped property in the Water West area should have first claim on that water, especially Veeder Ranch," Heuer declared. Several other directors said they needed harder data on the savings before deciding the issue.

General Manager Jim Cofer of the water management district went through a set of complex calculations for the board, concluding that the staff thought 32.5 acre-feet were available for allocation, if the board so chose.

The calculations were complicated by such questions as how much of the savings that occurred was the result of rationing and how much of the water that previously leaked from the Water West System ultimately returned to the Carmel River aquifer.

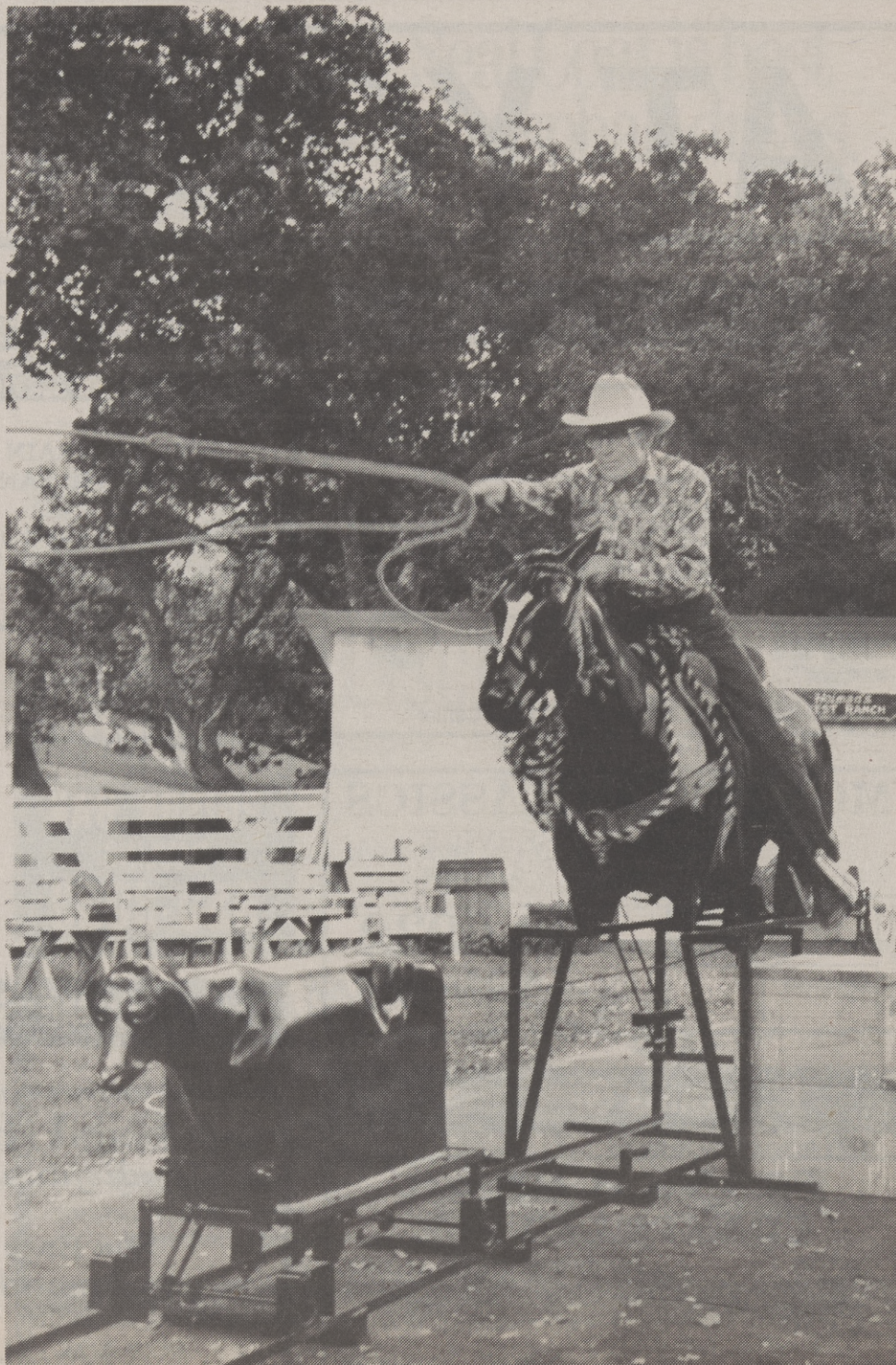
The question of Veeder Ranch was complicated by a clerical error having left the property off the map used by the water management district to describe the Water West service area. But there was also general consensus that it was an honest mistake, and Condon's property should be included in it.

Condon was represented by Skip Marquard who said his family built the Water West System in the late 1940s. "It was an aging system when Cal-Am bought it," he said, "and a lot of the savings are real."

Condon has been trying for some 15 years to develop a 30-lot subdivision on the 83-acre property off Garzas Road, but it is now under consideration for possible purchase and preservation by the regional park district.

Condon has said he would be willing to sell to the park district, but at the market rate for a subdivision, not raw land.

Foy told the *Sun* that he believed Condon's property was the only undeveloped land remaining within the old Water West System.



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